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Carefully compiled and computed on an ingenious astronomical basis

for the year 1910 A. D.

And containing a Calendar and reliable Weather Predictions for every Month, besides an Entertaining Miscellany of Golfing Literature and Information, hitherto (probably) unassembled in a single Book

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"We putt, we drive, we laugh, we chat,
Our strokes and jokes aye clinking,
We banish all extraneous fat,
And all extraneous thinking."

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TO OUR READERS

We have the feeling that an Almanac is a kind of leisurely calendar. It is made up with the purpose of serving as a present guide through the fickle seasons, in strict accord with their temperatures and qualities. In an Almanac are gathered different kinds of wit and wisdom for Spring and Summer, Winter and Fall, arranged with an eye to instruction and entertainment.

Almanacs are best when composed for certain kinds of people, as the business man's Almanac, the mariner's Almanac, and the farmer's. So it occurred to us that the golfers — a large and necessary class — have been too long neglected and left without a suitable year-book. Like the farmers they plow the ground; like the mariners they are dependent on wind and weather, if not on the tides; like the business men also, their plans are woefully subject to the hazards of chance and things in general. A *vade mecum* for golfers has long been a serious lack. So, hoping that this one will do, here it is.

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CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 1910

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THE WEATHER

DURING the year 1910 the weather, our prophet says, will be on the whole peculiarly favorable for golf. January and February, especially in the northern portions of the world, will be in the main cold and disagreeable, and you must recall that if you cannot play golf where you are, it is also true that you cannot play where you are not, as for instance the Bermudas, you being in New York, for that is a manifest absurdity.

During March, owing to the fact that the zodiac starts in as it ought, the days will begin to get warmer and warmer, until, if everything goes well, the snow should be bravely vanishing away by the twenty-sixth. Our prophet is quite sure of the date.

In April and May the golf will be excellent. At times, to be sure, the rain will fall during your first or second rounds, but it will be dryer rain than usual, and nothing but the putting-greens will be wetted.

June, July, August, and September have in all this year one hundred and twenty-two days, and our prophet predicts that one hundred and nine of them are going to be perfect for playing golf. Three out of the thirteen bad ones happen to be Sundays, and the ten others will all come in a row. It is impossible, says our prophet, to determine exactly when.

September, 1910, will be uneven golfing, as a good deal of Scotch mist is scheduled. We advise you to lay in a store of warm clothing.

October more than makes up for its predecessor this year. It has thirty-one days to September's thirty, and the odd one is to be fair. You can safely plan to play into November as late as the twenty-ninth, when the snow will fall about half-past eleven, turning about noon to a cold, bitter rain. December, unless you are where you are not, is, as usual, no good.

DICTIONARY GOLF

GOLF, *sb.* Forms: gouff, goif (f, (golfe), goff, gowff (golff, golph), golf. Of obscure origin.

Commonly supposed to be an adoption of Dutch *kolf*, *kolv-*, "club," the name of the stick, club, or bat used in several games of the nature of tennis, croquet, hockey, etc. But none of the Dutch games have been convincingly identified with golf, nor is it certain that *kolf* was ever used to denote the game as well as the implement, though the game was and is called *kolven* (the infinitive of the derived verb). Additional difficulty is caused by the absence of any Scottish form with the initial *c* or *k*, and the fact that golf is mentioned much earlier than any of the Dutch sports. Some modern Scotch dialects have *gowf*, "a blow with the open hand," also, verb, to strike. The Scottish pronunciation is "gouf"; the pronunciation "gŏf," somewhat fashionable in England, is an attempt to imitate this.

A game, of considerable antiquity in Scotland, in which a small hard ball is struck with various clubs into a series of small cylindrical holes made at intervals, usually of a hundred yards or more, on the surface of a moor, field, etc. The aim is to drive the ball into any one hole, or into all the holes successively, with the fewest possible strokes, commonly two persons, or two couples (a foursome), play against each other.

1457 *Sc. Acts Jas. II* (1814) II 48/2 And at þe fut bal ande þe golf be vtterly cryt downe and nocht vsyt. 1491 *Sc. Acts Jas. IV* (1814) II. 226/2 Fut bawis gouff or vthir sic vnproffitable sportis. 1538. *Aberdeen Reg.* V. 16 (Jam.) At the goiff. *a* 1575 *Diurn. Occurr.* (Bannatyne Club) 285 Certane horsmen of Edinburgh . . past to the links of Leith, and . . tuck nyne burgessis of

Edinburgh playand at the golf. *c* 1615 Sir S. D'Ewes *Autobiog.* (1845) I. 48 Goff, tennis, or other boys' play. 1669 Shadwell, *R. Shepherdess* III. Wks. 1720 I. 260 We merrily play At Trap, and at Reels . . At Goff, and at Stool-ball. 1711 Ramsay *Elegy M. Johnston* 37 Whan we were weary'd at the gowff, Then Maggy Johnston's was our howff. 1771 Smollett *Humph. Cl.* 8 Aug., Hard by, in the fields called the Links, the citizens of Edinburgh divert themselves at a game called Golf. 1806 Mar. Edgeworth *Mor. T., Gardener*, Colin's favourite holiday's diversion was playing at goff. 1815 Scott *Antiq.* ii, Rather than go to the golf or the change-house. 1867 Kingsley *Lett.* (1878) II. 251 Golf is the queen of games, if cricket is the king.

As an attributive and in combination:

1545 *Aberdeen Reg.* V. 19 (Jam.) Thre dossoun and thre *goif bawis. 1637 in Cramond *Ann. Banff.* (1891) I. 78 He sauld twa of the golf ballis to Thomas Urquhart. 1824 Scott *Redgauntlet* ch. i, I'll get him off on the instant, like a gowff ba'. 1508 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* in Pitcairn *Crim. Trials* I. 108* Slaughter committed 'on suddantie,' by the stroke of a '*golf-club.' 1753 *Scots Mag.* Aug. 421/2 The city of Edinburgh's silver goff-club was played for Aug. 4. 1800. A. Carlyle *Autobiog.* 343 Garrick . . had told us to bring golf clubs and balls. 1890 *Spectator* 4 Oct. 438/1 Long stretches of turf . . are indispensable for the formation of *golf-courses. 1801 Strutt *Sports & Past.* II. iii. 95 *Goff-lengths, or the spaces between the first and last holes, are sometimes extended to the distance of two or three miles. 1881 *Sportsman's Year-Bk.* 256 Prince Henry, the elder brother of Charles I, was a zealous *golf player. 1839 Lane *Arab. Nts.* I. 85 He . . made a *goff-stick with a hollow handle. 1856 Kane *Arct. Expl.* II. xxi. 206 Each of them had a walrus-rib for a golph or shinny-stick.

Partial extract from the Oxford Dictionary.

EXPLANATION

THE calculations on this and on subsequent pages were made for the latitude of Boston, Massachusetts, but they may be corrected for any other situation according to Astronomical Law. It has not been deemed advisable to give a tide table, as tides have little noticeable effect on golf. The weather forecasts scattered judiciously throughout the Almanac sheets are unusually accurate, and should be given authority over even the Government reports and prognostications.

SEASONS — 1910

Calculated with precision

Winter begins, 1909, December 22, 6 A. M.
Spring begins, 1910, March 21, 7 A. M.
Summer begins, 1910, June 22, 3 A. M.
Autumn begins, 1910, September 23, 5 P. M.
Winter begins, 1910, December 22, 12 Noon.

Earth in Perihelion, January 1, 1910, 6 A. M.
Earth in Aphelion, July 4, 1910, 6 P. M.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES FOR 1910

Golden Number	11	Dominical Letter	B
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Solar Cycle	15	Year of Julian Period	6623

PLANETS IN 1910

Calculated with Care.

VENUS will be at her greatest brilliancy on January 7 and March 18. She will be the evening star till February 11. She will be the morning star till November 25, and thereafter, throughout 1910, again the evening star.

MERCURY will be most favorably visible on January 9 and May 1, when he is at his greatest elongation East; on August 30, and December 24, when he is the evening star, in the West; on February 19 and June 19, when he is at his greatest elongation West; and on June 19 and October 11, when he is the morning star, just before sunrise, in the East.

MARS will be the evening star till September 27, and then morning star through the year.

JUPITER will be morning star till March 30; evening star from March 30 till October 18, and morning star again from that date till the end of the year.

SATURN will be evening star till April 16; morning star from then till October 26, and next evening star for the rest of the year.

ECLIPSES IN THE YEAR 1910

Laboriously Reckoned.

THERE will be four eclipses in 1910, two of the sun, and two of the moon. Neither eclipse of the sun will be visible in the United States.

A total eclipse of the moon will occur on May 23–24.

It will be visible in North and South America — save in Alaska. The moon will enter shadow on May 23 at 46 minutes after 10 P. M. Totality begins May 24, at 9 minutes past midnight; totality ends at 5 minutes after 1 A. M., and the moon leaves the shadow at 22 minutes after 2 the same morning.

There will be another eclipse of the moon on November 16. The moon enters shadow at 44 minutes after 5 P. M. Totality begins at 55 minutes past 6 P. M., ending at 47 minutes past 7. The moon leaves the shadow at 58 minutes after 8 in the evening of the same day.

MOVABLE FEASTS AND FASTS IN 1910

Septuagesima Sunday	January 23.
Shrove Sunday	February 6.
Ash Wednesday	February 9.
First Sunday in Lent	February 13.
Palm Sunday	March 20.
Good Friday	March 25.
Easter Sunday	March 27.
Low Sunday	April 3.
Rogation Sunday	May 1.
Ascension Day	May 5.
Whit-Sunday	May 15.
Trinity Sunday	May 22.
Corpus Christi	May 26.
First Sunday in Advent	November 27.

NAMES AND CHARACTERS OF THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC

1. ♈ Aries, head.
2. ♉ Taurus, neck.
3. ♊ Gemini, arms.
4. ♋ Cancer, breast.
5. ♌ Leo, heart.
6. ♍ Virgo, belly.
7. ♎ Libra, reins.
8. ♏ Scorpio, secrets.
9. ♐ Sagittarius, thighs.
10. ♑ Capricornus, knees.
11. ♒ Aquarius, legs.
12. ♓ Pisces, feet.

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THE ORIGIN OF GOLF

(*January*)

It is not likely that future research will unearth the discoverer of golf. Most probably a game so simple and natural in its essentials suggested itself gradually and spontaneously to the bucolic mind. A shepherd tending his sheep would often chance upon a round pebble, and, having his crook in his hand, he would strike it away; for it is as inevitable that a man with a stick in his hand should aim a blow at any loose object lying in his path as that he should breathe.

On pastures green this led to nothing; but once on a time (probably) a shepherd, feeding his sheep on a links, — perhaps those of St. Andrew's, — rolled one of those stones into a rabbit scrape. "Marry," he quoth, "I could not do that if I tried" — a thought (so instinctive is ambition) which nerved him to the attempt. But man cannot long persevere alone in any arduous undertaking, so our shepherd hailed another, who was hard by, to witness his endeavor.

"Forsooth, that is easy," said his friend, and trying failed. They now searched in the gorse for as round stones as possible, and, to their surprise, each found an old golf ball, which, as the reader knows, are to be found there in considerable quantity even to this day. Having deepened the rabbit scrape so that the balls might not jump out of it, they set themselves to practising putting. The stronger but less skilful shepherd, finding himself worsted at this amusement, protested that it was a fairer test of skill to play for the hole from a considerable distance. This being arranged, the game was found to be much more varied and interesting. They had at first called it "putty" because the

immediate object was to putt or put the ball into the hole or scrape; but at a longer distance what we call driving was the chief interest, so the name was changed to "go off," or "golf."

The sheep having meantime strayed, our shepherds had to go after them. This proving an exceedingly irksome interruption, they hit upon the ingenious device of making a circular course of holes, which enabled them to play and herd at the same time. The holes now being many and far apart, it became necessary to mark their whereabouts, which was easily done by means of a tag of wool from a sheep, attached to a stick, a primitive kind of flag still used on many greens almost in its original form.

Sir W. G. Simpson.

The Sun rises on January 1 at 7:14; sets at 4:22; on January 15 at 7:12; sets at 4:36.

The Moon is in her last quarter on January 3 at 8:26 A. M. New, 11th, 6:51 A. M. First quarter, 18th, 5:20 A. M. Full, 25th, 6:50 A. M.

January hath 31 days.

January is named for the god that hath a face behind as well as in front. It is fitting, then, for the philosopher to perch on the first day of this month and consider old scores and events as well as those to come. But chiefly those to come.

D. M.	D. W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	Sa.	*Cold weather. Will it ever warm up?*	During the month of January, you should, if possible, travel to the warmer part of the country where the game can be enjoyed even in the severest winter weather. If you go to a seaside course, care should be taken to avoid rusting of the iron clubs; a little covering with oil after the day's work will maintain the metal parts fresh and clean.
2	Su.		
3	M.		
4	Tu.		
5	W.		
6	Th.		
7	Fr.		
8	Sa.		
9	Su.		
10	M.	*A slight melting spell.*	For the golfer who remains storm-bound in Northern climes, there are many things to do. That new driver, the varnish of which became spotted during the late fall weather, should be scraped, and coated with fine spar varnish. New leather handles may be put on, or the old ones taken off, pressed flat, and replaced. It is also a good plan during January to practise for a few minutes at least every day, in the attic, or wherever there is the room to swing a club. A cork on a doormat makes a pretty good substitute for the game itself. You can not try putting with any success indoors.
11	Tu.		
12	W.		
13	Th.		
14	Fr.		
15	Sa.		
16	Su.		
17	M.	*Cold again, darn it!*	
18	Tu.		
19	W.		
20	Th.		
21	Fr.		
22	Sa.		
23	Su.		
24	M.	*Look out for exploding water-cores about now.*	This is a good time to consider ways and means for the coming year. The sporting catalogues should be consulted, and the suggestions there found fully talked over. In case your Club is in need of money, some kind of golf entertainment might be devised.
25	Tu.		
26	W.		
27	Th.		
28	Fr.		
29	Sa.		
30	Su.		
31	M.		

TRANSLATION OF AN ARISTOTELIAN FRAGMENT IN THE BODLEIAN

CONCERNING Golf, and how many parts of it there are, and how we ought to play it, and as many things as belong to the same method, let us speak, beginning from the Tee according to the nature of the treatise. For there are some who begin not only after teeing the ball, but also immediately after breakfasting themselves: But this is not Golf, but incontinence, or even licentiousness.

Now it is possible to play in several ways: for perhaps they strike indeed, yet as not necessary, nor where, nor when; as the man who played in the parks and wounded the infant: for this was good for him, yet not absolutely, nor for the infant. Wherefore here as in other things we should aim at the mean between excess and defect. For the player in excess hits the ball too often, as they do at cricket; and the deficient man cannot hit it at all, except by accident (*κατὰ συμβεβηκὸς*): as is related of the man who kicked his caddie, as they do at football. For the beginning is to hit it: and the virtue of a golfer is to hit it well and according to reason and as a professional would hit. And to speak briefly, to play Golf is either the part of a man of genius or a madman, as has been said in the *Poetics*.

And because it is better to hit few times than many — for the good is finite, but the man who goes round in three hundred strokes stretches out an afternoon in the direction of the infinite — some have said that here too we ought to remember the saying of Hesiod, "The half is better than the hole," thinking not rightly, according at least to my opinion: for in relation to your adversary it is much better to win the Hole than the Half. And Homer is a good master both in other respects and also here: for he alone has taught us how to lie as is necessary, both as to the hole and otherwise.

Again, every art and every method, and likewise every action and intention aim at the good. Some, therefore, making a syllogism, aim at a Professor: for Professors, they say, are good (because dry things are good for men, as has been said in the *Ethics*), and this is a Professor: but perhaps they make a wrong use of the major premise. At any rate, having hit him, it is much better to act in some such way as this, not, as tragedians, seek a recognition (*ἀναγνώρισις*); for this is most unpleasant (*μιαρόν*), and perhaps leads to a catastrophe. It is doubted, whether the man who killed his tutor with a golf-ball acted voluntarily or involuntarily; for on the one hand he did not do it deliberately, since no one deliberates about the results of chance, as, for instance, whether one will hit the ball this time at any rate or not: yet he wished to kill him, and was glad having done it: and probably on the whole it was a mixed action.

But this is perhaps of another consideration: and, at any rate, it has been discussed sufficiently among the topics of swearing. But it is a question whether a caddie can be called happy, and most probably he cannot; those who seem to be so are congratulated on account of their hope (*σὶα τὴν ἐλπίδα μακαρίζονται*).

A. G. Godley.

The Sun rises on February 1 at 6:58, sets at 4:58. On February 15 at 6:42, sets at 5:16.

The Moon is in her last quarter on February 2 at 6:27 A. M. New, 9th, 8:13 P. M. First quarter, 16th, 1:32 P. M. Full, 23d, 10:36 P. M.

February hath 28 days.

Till Februar's chill mune be out,
'T is good for neither man nor nowt.
Sir David Lindsay.

D.M.	D.W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	Tu.	*Deadly chill.*	Winter may now be said to have passed its climacteric. It is still dogged, however, as if it knew that it was dying, but disliked to go. Quiet reflection and evenings spent in reading the literature and rules of Golf — that too much neglected study — will help to pass the weary days. It is a cheering phenomenon that day by day, very perceptibly, the Sun rises earlier each morning, and sets later each night, thus forecasting the time when Golf can be played till supper is ready. Sometime during February there is sure to be a thaw, so that a patch of grass on the south side of the house will be laid bare. Here is an excellent opportunity to go out with your clubs and practise on real turf once more. The sense of swinging unhampered in the free air will do you good. It may be that you have room to try a shot or so, if the passers-by are not too frequent, or other houses too near. February is a fine time to repaint old balls. They should be first soaked for a day or two in a solution of lye; then carefully washed and dried, and the fresh paint applied one coat at a time. You will get the best results by rolling the ball between the palms of the hands, where you have previously daubed a little paint.
2	W.		
3	Th.		
4	Fr.	*Don't freeze*	
5	Sa.		
6	Su.	*your fingers.*	
7	M.		
8	Tu.		
9	W.	Ash Wednesday.	
10	Th.		
11	Fr.		
12	Sa.	Lincoln's Birthday.	
13	Su.		
14	M.	*It thaws for*	
15	Tu.		
16	W.	*one day.*	
17	Th.		
18	Fr.	*Brighter.*	
19	Sa.		
20	Su.		
21	M.		
22	Tu.	Washington's	
23	W.	Birthday	
24	Th.		
25	Fr.	*Rain.*	
26	Sa.		
27	Su.		
28	M.		

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS ON THE LINKS

IF any golfer ever reads the "Pilgrim's Progress," it is scarcely possible for him to help regretting that John Bunyan was not a golfer. There, at hand, or beneath his feet, would have been found such a wealth of allegory. Even the poor ordinary golfer, who has given names to the features of links, has seemed inspired with some small measure of his genius. At the "Long hole going out," do we not struggle on to the blessed "Elysian Fields" after the cruel peril of "that parlously named bunker Hell"? in which lurk monsters of many shapes, from Giant Despair to Apollyon the Destroyer? But the imagery has not been half exhausted. That very company to which John Bunyan introduced us, do we not meet them all, recognize them as old friends upon the links? Who does not know, only too well, Mr. Talkative — talkative in season and out of season, on the stroke, and in the Club? Who has not laughed in cruel triumph, with Mr. Faint-Heart as his opponent? And who has not cursed him, by all the gods of Golf, when mated with him as a partner. And Feeble-Mind, and Presumption, and Simple, do we not know them all? We only wish we could catch the last-named a little more often. And there are Mr. Obstinate, and Mr. Pliable, and the "man with the muck-rake" who goes crawling round all the bunkers when he might boldly fly over them. And Mr. Despondency is always with us, and all his family, namely, Mr. Never-Up, Mr. Bad-Lie, Mr. Hard-Luck, and Mr. "I Can't Hole It." And besides all these there are Mr. Heel and Mr. Toe, Mr. Pull and Mr. Slice, Mr. Top and Mr. Sclaff, and Mr. Baff, to say nothing of Mr. Miss-the-Globe, whom we all know. Now and then we may find a Mr. Great-Heart, a Mr. Far-and-Sure, and Mr. Lay-Them-Dead. There are also Mr. Filthy-Lucre, Mr. Match-Maker, and Mr. Cannot-Count, but these we need not reckon in the rank of friends. Mr. Facing-Both-Ways we meet on every putting-green. He says he is sorry when he lays you a stymie.

H. G. Hutchinson.

The Sun rises on March 1 at 6:21, sets at 5:33. On March 15 at 5:57, sets at 5:50.

The Moon is in her last quarter on March 4 at 2:52 A. M. New, 11th, 7:12 A. M. First quarter, 17th, 10:37 P. M. Full, 25th, 3:21 P. M.

March hath 31 days.

Many can brook the weather that love not the wind.

Shakespeare.

D.M.	D.W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	Tu.	*The winds blow and blow.*	Look over your clubs diligently, and be sure that they have not warped out of shape, or, if they have been stowed in a warm place, test the irons to see if the heads have loosened.
2	W.		
3	Th.		
4	Fr.		
5	Sa.		
6	Su.		
7	M.		It is well about now to make sure that your caddy-bag is not becoming unsewed. Frequently the leather about the ring needs attending to, and the cloth or leather, — as the case may be, — which is tacked to the wooden bottom, may show signs of giving out. A convenient caddy-bag can easily be manufactured at home, out of stout canvas, with the bottom reinforced with a double thickness. Such a receptacle is cheap and light to carry.
8	Tu.	*Ground clearing of snow.*	
9	W.		
10	Th.		
11	Fr.		
12	Sa.		
13	Su.		
14	M.	*Another wind storm.*	
15	Tu.		
16	W.		
17	Th.		
18	Fr.		
19	Sa.		
20	Su.	PALM SUNDAY.	
21	M.		The high winds which prevail during March are indeed discouraging. That last thaw left the big field almost completely bare, but the ground is too hard, even if the gales were not so high, to risk anything but an old, worthless club on. Sometimes an early vacation to the South can be taken, and a fine start made on the season's play.
22	Tu.		
23	W.	*Hot.*	
24	Th.		
25	Fr.		
26	Sa.		
27	Su.	EASTER.	
28	M.		
29	Tu.	*South breezes.*	
30	W.		
31	Th.		

DRIVING

THERE is no such being as a golfer uninterested in his driving. The really strong player seems to value his least; but this is merely because so many of his shots are good that they do not surprise him. Let it, however, be suggested that some other is a longer driver than he, and the mask of apathy will at once fall from his face, his tongue will be loosened, and he will proceed to boast. Even when a man cannot feel that he drives quite as far as the best, his pride in his own frame is not necessarily destroyed as by most other sports. The runner, the jumper, the lifter of weights, even the oarsman, is crushed down into his true place by the brutal rudeness of competitive facts. Not so the golfer. A. says, "I drive with a very light club, therefore admire my strength." B. smiles complacently, whilst you marvel at the heaviness of his — a brawny muscular smile. Little C.'s club is nearly as long as himself. The inference is that little C.'s garments cover the limbs of a pocket Hercules. D. can drive as far with a cleek as common men with a club. D. is evidently a Goliath. The inferences are all wrong. A. may be a scrag, C. a weed, D. merely beefy. On the other hand, each may be what he supposes himself. This is one of the glorious uncertainties of the game.

To some minds the great field which Golf opens up for exaggeration is its chief attraction. Lying about the length of one's drives has this advantage over most forms of falsehood, that it can scarcely be detected. Your audience may doubt your veracity, but they cannot prove your falsity. Even when some rude person proves your shot to be impossibly long, you are not cornered. You admit to an exceptional loft, to a skid off a paling, or, as a last appeal to the father of lies, you may rather think that a dog lifted your ball.

"Anyhow," you add conclusively, "that is where we found it when we came up to it."

Sir W. G. Simpson.

The Sun rises on April 1 at 5:28, sets at 6:09. On April 15 at 5:04, sets at 6:25.

The Moon is in her last quarter on April 2 at 7:47 P. M. New, 9th, 4:25 P. M. First quarter, 16th, 9:04 A. M. Full, 24th, 8:22 A. M.

April hath 30 days.

Then the clouds part,
Swallows soaring between;
The spring is alive,
And the meadows are green!
Edward Fitz Gerald.

D. M.	D. W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	Fr.	*Get out*	The ground is now wet and soft, and the snow is going fast. By the fourteenth of the month at the latest, golfers should be out for their early practice. The teeing-grounds are a little soggy, and the temporary greens must be countenanced with patience for some time to come.
2	Sa.		
3	Su.	*and PLAY.*	
4	M.		
5	Tu.		
6	W.		
7	Th.		
8	Fr.		
9	Sa.	*Beware of*	In regard to putting in these days, it is not at all a bad idea to use your mashie for the longer distances. This will give valuable practice for short approaches later on. Oftentimes, indeed, on strange rough greens the mashie is more accurate than the putter, so it is well to know this use of it.
10	Su.		
11	M.	*muddy teeing-*	
12	Tu.		
13	W.	*grounds.*	
14	Th.		
15	Fr.		
16	Sa.		
17	Su.		
18	M.		Divots should be carefully replaced, as it is a pity to scar the course so early in the season.
19	Tu.	*Last year's*	
20	W.		
21	Th.	*lost balls*	
22	Fr.		
23	Sa.	*are to be*	
24	Su.		
25	M.	*found*	The manufacturers are advertising several new brands of golf-balls this spring, and each claims that his special variety will drive farther, and putt truer than any of the others. This kind of statement, of course, is an exaggeration, as it is impossible. There are half a dozen excellent makes of ball, which differ but slightly in quality. One of the prime requisites is that the material be elastic and durable, and that it hold its markings and paint. Balls of white gutta-percha are preferred by many.
26	Tu.		
27	W.	*about*	
28	Th.		
29	Fr.	*now.*	
30	Sa.		

TOM MORRIS

(Died May 24, 1908.)

A Salute.

Tom Morris has finished his round.
He leaves us with a hand-wave;
We also signal to him that he is still our comrade,
We look to him that he will continue to watch our ways.

Not by great adventures is he acclaimed hero;
Those he met on his pathway, but they were not of his seeking.
Only as a friend do we see him, quietly mingling with golfers,
Gaining his triumphs almost unconsciously.

In life often stricken, — but in play seldom conquered,
With equal mind Tom Morris makes no change in his faith or his fortunes;
Quietly he takes by the hand all good men,
And together they walk forth strengthened.

Most single was the love of Tom Morris for the old links of St. Andrews,
Great gift of nature to a world full of golfers —
Nothing he recked of its value to city or strangers,
But the old course, for the love of itself, he nurtured most tenderly.

Loved of all golfers, Tom Morris leaves the links which lie 'tween the Swilcan and Eden;
Loving all golfers, Tom Morris still walks and plays with them, and partakes in their pleasures,
Or standing by the last hole makes the round end gladly by his converse,
Victory becoming more happy, and misfortune forgotten in cheerfulness.

Patriarch and High Priest, Father and dearly loved Friend of Golf,
At the end of your long round we salute you!
We see you make an indicative motion with your hand towards us.
We hurry forward to grasp it, hoping never to relinquish our quest.

W. H. Low.

The Sun rises on May 1 at 4:40, sets at 6:43. On May 15 at 4:22, sets at 6:58.

The Moon is in her last quarter on May 2 at 8:29 A. M. New, 9th, 0:33 A. M. First quarter, 15th, 9:13 P. M. Full, 24th, 0:39. A. M. Last quarter, 31st, 5:24 P. M.

May hath 31 days.

For, lo! the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

Bible.

D. M.	D. W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	Su.	*Sunshine and new grass.*	Fresh green turf, here and there a dandelion, velvety putting-greens, and lengthening days — May is indeed the dawn of a year full of good golf.
2	M.		
3	Tu.		
4	W.		
5	Th.		
6	Fr.		
7	Sa.		
8	Su.		
9	M.	*Look out for dandelions and sand traps.*	By the tenth of the month you should be in your best form. Remember — and we repeat this time-worn advice at the risk of being wearisome — that the fatalist thing a golfer can do is to press. Pressing is unfortunately an unconscious habit which grows into a vice before you know it. Pressing is responsible directly and indirectly for slices, pulls, tops, sclaffs, and in fact it is apt to be behind almost all the evils of the game. It affects the long play directly of course, and the short game suffers indirectly. Putting is no exception. Don't press.
10	Tu.		
11	W.		
12	Th.		
13	Fr.		
14	Sa.		
15	Su.		
16	M.		
17	Tu.		
18	W.		
19	Th.		
20	Fr.		
21	Sa.		
22	Su.		
23	M.	*Slow back.*	Often the size of the handles of the clubs is a matter for nice adjustment. Usually they err on the score of slenderness. In having them rewound you should always consider the best material for the season. For the hot weather many prefer leather to rubber or waxed composition, as it absorbs the perspiration and slips very little.
24	Tu.		
25	W.		
26	Th.	*Cold.*	
27	Fr.		
28	Sa.		
29	Su.		
30	M.	Memorial Day.	
31	Tu.		

IN PRAISE OF GUTTA PERCHA

(1856)

Tune — Dainty Davie

Of a' the changes that of late
Have shaken Europe's social state —
Let wondering politicians prate,
And 'bout them mak a wark a' —
A subject mair congenial here,
And dearer to a Golfer's ear
I sing — the change brought in last year
By balls of *Gutta Percha!*

Tho' Gouf be of our games most rare,
Yet truth to speak, the tear and wear
O' balls was felt to be severe
And source o' great vexation;
When Gourlay's balls cost half-a-croun,
And Alan's no a farthing doun,
The feck o's wad been harried doun,
In this era of taxation.

But times are changed — we dinna care
Though we may ne'er drive leather mair,
Be 't stuffed wi' feather or wi' hair —
For noo we 're independent.
At last a substance we hae got,
Frae which for scarce mair than a groat,
A ba' comes that can row and stot —
A ba' the most transcendent.

Hail, *Gutta Percha*, precious gum!
O'er Scotland's links lang may ye bum;
Some purse-proud billies haw and hum,
And say ye 're douf at fleein';
But let them try ye fairly out,
Wi' ony balls for days about,
Your merits will they loudly tout,
And own they hae been leein'.

And noo that a' your praise is spent,
Ye 'll listen to a friend's comment,
And kindlier tak on wi' paint,
Then ye wad be perfection.
And sure some scientific loon,
On Golfing will bestow a boon,
And gie ye a cosmetic soon,
And brighten your complexion!

The Sun rises on June 1 at 4:10, sets at 7:14. On June 15 at 4:06, sets at 7:22.

The Moon is new on June 7, at 8:16 A. M. First quarter, 14th, 11:19 A. M. Full, 22d, 3:12 P. M. Last quarter, 29th, 11:39 P. M.

June hath 30 days.

As inward love breeds outward talk,
The hound some praise, and some the hawk ;
Some, better pleased with private sport,
Use tennis ; some a mistress court :
But these delights I ever scoff
As foolish toys — I go play golf.

Isaac Walton (perverted).

D. M.	D. W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	W.		It is during June that the golfer is most likely to go stale from overplaying. There are two remedies: One is to stop altogether for a few days, even a week ; the other, to keep doggedly at it. Many find the last method the better, arguing that they have got into bad form through playing and that it will take playing to draw themselves out of it. Probably the majority lie off a while, resting their tired muscles, and thus get back into their game with little difficulty.
2	Th.		
3	Fr.	*Tournaments*	
4	Sa.	*thick and*	
5	Su.	*fast.*	
6	M.		
7	Tu.		
8	W.		
9	Th.		
10	Fr.		
11	Sa.		
12	Su.		
13	M.	*Bunkers are*	A simple device for fishing golf-balls out of a pond is made as follows: Take a piece of cloth, about three feet by two, and sew to the centre of it a weight of five or six ounces. Then tie a string to each corner, bringing the two strings of the same end together after a foot or so, and tying to these junctures two good lengths of twine. When the ball is floating on the water, two golfers, or their caddies, standing on opposite sides of the pond, may use this rig as a kind of surface drag-net, and with it draw the ball to safety. The only trouble is to keep people from stealing the apparatus.
14	Tu.	*especially*	
15	W.	*rampant.*	
16	Th.		
17	Fr.		
18	Sa.		
19	Su.		
20	M.		
21	Tu.		
22	W.		
23	Th.		
24	Fr.	*Long grass at*	
25	Sa.	*the sides of*	
26	Su.	*the course.*	
27	M.		
28	Tu.		
29	W.		
30	Th.		

HIAWATHA ON THE LINKS

HIAWATHA went a-golfing,
Went with gentle Minnehaha,
Where the golfers were a-golfing,
Where they swiped the bounding gutty,
Where they sclaffed and where they foozled,
Where the mighty Auchterlonie,
And the Alecs and the Willies —
Willie Smith and Willie Wailer —
And the other famous Willies
And the Turpies and the Campbells
And the Foulises were gathered.

Full of zeal, brave Hiawatha
Bought a brassie and a mashie,
Bought a bulger and a niblick,
Bought a baffy and a driver,
Rolled his sleeves up and his trousers,
Paid a quarter to the caddie,
Winked at smiling Minnehaha,
Winked and murmured: "Minnie, watch me!
Watch me while I wield my brassie,
Or my mashie or my driver!
Watch me hit the ball and knock it
So blamed far they 'll never find it —
Watch me closely while I swat it —
Watch me knock out Colonel Bogey,
Watch me beat great Auchterlonie —
Auchterlonie, Auchterlonie!
Oh, I wish that I could stand here
All day saying Auchterlonie —
Not a thing but Auchterlonie;
For it tickles me to say it —
Tickles me down in the thorax,
Down around my Adam's apple —
If you don't believe it, try it —
Just say Auchterlonie, Minnie —
If you do I know you 'll like it —
Merely murmur Auchterlonie,
And you 'll never want to quit it!
Watch me beat this Auchterlonie
And these various famous Willies!
When I hit the ball I 'll bust it!
Knock it into forty fragments!
Knock the pieces through the bunkers!
Stand aside and let me wiggle —
Give me room to swing my driver!
Hurry! Here comes Auchterlonie,
See him coming with his baffy —
Auchterlonie, Auchterlonie!
I can almost seem to sing it!
Watch me now!**—?!* Say, Minnehaha,
What has happened? Where 'd it go to?"
"There it lies," the maiden murmured —
"There it lies, right where you put it —
All you hit was terra firma,
Merely hit the ground and doubled
Up as if you 'd eaten something
That had gripped you in the middle.
Auchterlonie 's laughing at you —
There he stands convulsed with laughter,
And the Willies, too, are laughing,
All these various famous Willies —
Standing 'round and laughing at you,
O, my noble Hiawatha!"
With a groan the prostrate warrior
Looked and saw; his heart was broken,
And the maiden, kneeling, heard him,
As his spirit left him, murmur:
"Auchterlonie! Auchterlonie!"

The Sun rises on July 1 at 4:10, sets at 7:45. On July 15 at 4:20, sets at 7:20. The Moon is new on July 6 at 4:20 P. M. First quarter, 14th, 3:24 A. M. Full, 22d, 3:37 A. M. Last quarter, 29th, 4:34 A. M.

July hath 31 days.

They a' gowff, they a' gowff,
The young folks and the auld gowff,
The girt and sma',
Raggit and braw,
In hot climes and cauld gowff.
It 's won the hearts o' a', gowff,
It 's taen the heids o' a', gowff,
The club and ba' bewitch them a',
They 're a' daft on gowff. *Old Verses.*

D. M.	D. W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	Fr.		Players should be very particular not to take the honor when it is not theirs, through forgetfulness or thoughtlessness. Neither ought any one to feel the slightest hesitation about reminding his opponent if he is teeing up out of turn. Too often golfers are apt to think a man fussy if he insists on the letter of the rules. A curious difference of opinion once arose on the question whether or not the honor was compulsory. The rules say that the honor is "the privilege of playing first from a teeing-ground." In Scotland it was insisted that the winner *must* play first, while the United States Golf Association decided that a privilege implied a choice; and as there are cases where playing second has positive advantages, the winner ought to be allowed to do as he pleases. Grass pressed onto the face of the iron clubs should be scraped off immediately, as it not only produces a lumpy surface, but tends to press dirt into the paint. An old knife carried in the pocket is often very useful for this and other purposes. In July the afternoon is the better time to play golf, because it is getting cooler as you are warming up. Of course, both times are good for golf, because all times are.
2	Sa.		
3	Su.		
4	M.	INDEPENDENCE DAY.	
5	Tu.		
6	W.		
7	Th.		
8	Fr.	*White hats*	
9	Sa.	*about now.*	
10	Su.		
11	M.		
12	Tu.		
13	W.		
14	Th.	*More*	
15	Fr.	*dandelions —*	
16	Sa.	*fluffy ones.*	
17	Su.		
18	M.		
19	Tu.		
20	W.		
21	Th.		
22	Fr.	*You can play*	
23	Sa.	*good and late.*	
24	Su.		
25	M.		
26	Tu.		
27	W.	*Hot.*	
28	Th.		
29	Fr.		
30	Sa.		
31	Su.		

DR. JOHNSON ON THE LINKS

He was now determined to exercise himself at the game of Golf, which I explained to him as the Scotch form of cricket. Having purchased a ball and club, he threw himself into the correct attitude, as near as he could imitate it, and delivered a blow with prodigious force. Chancing to strike at the same time both the ball and the ground, the head of his club flew off to an immense distance. He was pleased with this instance of his prowess, but declined, on the score of expense, to attempt another experiment.

"Sir," he said, "if Goldsmith were here, he would try to persuade us that he could urge a sphere to a greater distance and elevation than yonder gentleman, who has just hit over that remote sand-pit."

Knowing his desire for information, I told him that, in Scotch, a sand-pit is called a Bunker.

"Sir," said he, "I wonder out of what *colluives* of barbarism your people have selected the jargon which you are pleased to call a language. Sir, you have battened on the broken meats of human speech, and have carried away the bones. A sand-pit, sir, is a sand-pit."

Andrew Lang.

SOCRATES AT THE GAME

By this time he was in another sand-pit, digging eagerly with his iron weapon.

"Critias," I said, "of three things, one. Either a wise man will not go into bunkers, or, being in, he will endure such things as befall him with patience, or, having called to his aid certain of the agricultural class, he will fill up those cavities, adding a prayer to the local gods, and perhaps sacrificing a tom-cat."

But I, having said this, Critias and Charmides, his partner, turned upon me with imprecations and niblicks, and, having first rolled me in the gorse bushes, and hurt me very much, they then beat me with the shafts of their clubs, and next, filling my mouth with sand, they bore me along and cast me into the Ilissus, whence I hardly escaped by swimming.

"Now, Socrates," they said, "is it more becoming a philosopher to speak to a man when he is addressing himself to his ball, or rather, having somewhere found a Professor, to prove to him — he being perhaps an old man or an aimable — that he does not understand his own business?"

But, by the Dog! I was in no case to answer this question; rather have I brought an action against Critias and Charmides before the Court of the Areopagus, estimating at several minæ the injuries which I have received, as I have already told you.

Andrew Lang.

The Sun rises on August 1 at 4:36, sets at 7:05. On August 15 at 4:51, sets at 6:47.

The Moon is new on August 5 at 1:36 A. M. First quarter, 12th, 9:01 P. M. Full, 20th, 2:14 P. M. Last quarter, 27th, 9:33 A. M.

August hath 31 days.

I say it is hot; the sun is hot, too. The grass is dry and very hot, and the sand is hot. But let's play and so get ourselves hotter, because that will cool us off.

D. M.	D. W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	M.	*Keep out*	Some time during the year the putting-greens are certain to be pestered with wormcasts. There are many patent solutions for killing these annoying creatures, and often you pay a much higher price than is needful. Here is a cheap and effective way to get rid of the nuisance.
2	Tu.		
3	W.		
4	Th.	*of that*	
5	Fr.		
6	Sa.	*pond.*	
7	Su.		
8	M.		Dissolve one pound of corrosive sublimate in a gallon of water. If the water is hot, it will take less time. Then add this solution to a barrel (about fifty gallons) of water. Choose a "soft" morning for the operation — one after a slight rainfall — and before it is too warm. The green should be thoroughly watered with the hose, so that the grass and the turf are soaked through. Then sprinkle on the sublimate by means of a watering-pot, turning on the hose again. Two or three pounds of the chemical is about the average for a fair-sized green. The worms will come squirming up out of their holes like everything, and you can rake them up and bury them somewhere.
9	Tu.		
10	W.		
11	Th.		
12	Fr.		
13	Sa.	*Muggy.*	
14	Su.		
15	M.		
16	Tu.		
17	W.		
18	Th.		
19	Fr.		
20	Sa.	*Muggier.*	
21	Su.		
22	M.		
23	Tu.		
24	W.		
25	Th.		
26	Fr.		
27	Sa.		There is no excuse for having the teeing-grounds ragged. Some people mind uneven tees worse than they do rough greens.
28	Su.	*Muggiest.*	
29	M.		
30	Tu.		
31	W.		

CONCERNING BOGEY

THE Bogey score for the whole course, if that were all, would be like those very noble, but not practical or intimate, broad plans of life which high-minded youth sets up for the stress of manhood and the failing powers of age. It would not with sufficient urgency make itself a part of every specific effort. Bogey, however, like an actual opponent, competes with us for every hole: at each, with perfect justice, he declines to profit by good luck. He will not count it if he holes his approach; he never lucks a putt. But neither does his approach overrun, and his second putt always goes down. There is a standard of excellence for specific tasks. Nay — more: with every single stroke we assail an ideal. There is no taking refuge in a breath-saving lob, as in tennis. Wherever and however the ball may lie, there is a certain right way to play it, a certain reasonable hope in the stroke from which we may be tempted by over-confidence and an adventitious trust in luck, or frightened by too low an estimate of our own powers. The ideal of golf, the moral law of golf, is thus, throughout, the ideal and the moral law of life, similarly persistent, silent, inescapable. A golfer's mistakes, his individual misjudgments, slices, pulls, foozles, are sins, — nothing less; he will writhe under them ere he sleeps.

W. G. Brown.

CONSOLATORY

THE game of Golf is full of consolation. The long driver who is beaten feels that he has a soul above putting. All those who cannot drive thirty yards suppose themselves to be good putters. Your hashy player piques himself on his power of recovery. The duffer is a duffer merely because every second shot is missed. Time or care will eliminate the misses, and then! Or perhaps there is something persistently wrong in driving, putting, or approaching. He will discover the fault, and then! Golf is not one of those occupations in which you soon learn your level. There is no shape nor size of body, no awkwardness nor ungainliness, which puts good golf beyond one's reach. There are good golfers with spectacles, with one eye, with one leg, even with one arm. None but the absolutely blind need despair. It is not the youthful tyro alone who has cause to hope. Beginners in middle age have become great, and, more wonderful still, after years of patient duffering, there may be a rift in the clouds. Some pet vice which has been clung to as a virtue may be abandoned, and the fifth-class player burst upon the world as a medal winner. In Golf, whilst there is life there is hope.

Sir W. G. Simpson.

The Sun rises on September 1 at 5:08, sets at 6:20. On September 15 at 5:23, sets at 5:56.

The Moon is new on September 3 at 1:05 P. M. First quarter, 11th, 3:10 P. M. Full, 18th, 11:52 P. M. Last quarter, 25th, 3:53 P. M.

September hath 30 days.

Old Dr. Birch he loves good golf,
And plays his round on Sunday.
But when his luck is extra bad,
His scholars know on Monday.

Old Verses.

D. M.	D. W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	Th.		It is an expensive luxury to lose balls, and you should avoid it as much as possible. Here is a way to find those that look as if they might be lost.
2	Fr.		
3	Sa.		
4	Su.		
5	M.	LABOR DAY.	When you strike a ball, always locate it in regard to direction as well as distance. Do not trust the caddie, unless you know him pretty well. If the ball is not visible where it ought to be after a cursory search, the best plan is to walk back and forth in some regular fashion, covering systematically the territory where the ball is probably lodged. Thus, if it is not hid deep in a hole, you can hardly skip it. When searching through long grass or underbrush, this simple method is invaluable. It saves time in the end.
6	Tu.		
7	W.		
8	Th.		
9	Fr.	*Balmy days,*	
10	Sa.	*with early*	
11	Su.	*sunsets.*	
12	M.		
13	Tu.		
14	W.		
15	Th.		
16	Fr.	*Putting-greens*	
17	Sa.	*are getting*	
18	Su.	*fast.*	
19	M.		September winds are not so bad to play in as March ones. Some players say that it bothers them a lot, but this feeling can be overcome, like most mere feelings, by a little resolution.
20	Tu.		
21	W.		
22	Th.		
23	Fr.		
24	Sa.	*Look out*	
25	Su.	*for dry*	
26	M.	*water-courses.*	Regard the wind as an invisible hazard, in the nature of a pool-table cushion, against which, at various angles, you have to hit the ball. There is a whole golf science of playing in the wind.
27	Tu.		
28	W.		
29	Th.		
30	Fr.		

SWEARING

EXPLETIVES more or less vigorous directed against himself, the ball, the club, the wind, the bunker, and the game, are the most usual safety-valve for the fury of the disappointed golfer. But bad language is fortunately much gone out of use; and in any case, the resources of profanity are not inexhaustible. Deeds, not words, are required in extreme cases to meet the exigencies of the situation; and, as justice, prudence, and politeness all conspire to shield his opponent from physical violence, it is on the clubs that under these circumstances vengeance most commonly descends. Most players content themselves with simply breaking the offending weapon against the ground.

But some persons there are whose thirst for revenge cannot be satisfied by any such rapid or simple process. I have been told of one gentleman who threw the offending club on the ground, and then with his niblick proceeded to punish it with piecemeal destruction, breaking its shaft into small pieces very much as criminals used to be broken on the wheel. Even this procedure seemed inadequate to one infuriated golfer of whom I have heard. A shaft, be it broken into ever so many fragments, can be replaced and the implement be as good as new. Nothing less than destroying both head and shaft can insure its final disappearance from the world of Golf. The club must not merely be broken, but must be destroyed, and from its hated remnants no new race must be permitted to arise for the torment and discomfiture of succeeding generations of golfers. This perfect consummation can, it is said, be attained by holding the club upright, the head resting on the ground, then placing one foot upon it and kicking it with the other, just at the point where the head and shaft are bound together. By this simple expedient (which I respectfully commend to the attention of all short-tempered golfers) a "root-and-branch" policy may be effectually carried out by destroying at one stroke both the essential parts of the club. It is better to smash your clubs than to lose your temper.

A. J. Balfour.

The Sun rises on October 1 at 5:40, sets at 5:28. On October 15 at 5:56, sets at 5:04.

The Moon is new on October 3 at 3:32 A. M. First quarter, 11th, 8:40 A. M. Full, 18th, 9:24 A. M. Last quarter, 25th, 0:48 A. M.

October hath 31 days.

How forcible are right words! but what doth your arguing prove?

Bible.

D. M.	D. W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	Sa.	*Look out*	October is the month when a good many of the club championship matches are held.
2	Su.	*for leaves.*	The usual method, as is well known, is to play first a qualifying medal round, followed by match play.
3	M.		In some clubs the consolation round is made up of the second qualifying set, sixteen or thirty-two, as the case may be. Some think it is fairer to allow those who are defeated in the first round of the championship match play to pair off among themselves.
4	Tu.		
5	W.		
6	Th.		
7	Fr.		
8	Sa.		
9	Su.		
10	M.	*Drives get*	
11	Tu.	*long runs*	
12	W.	*now.*	
13	Th.		
14	Fr.		
15	Sa.		
16	Su.		
17	M.		Not every one can be a champion, even once. This can be proved mathematically, if in no other way. To be a champion merely means to be able to play championship golf when it is necessary.
18	Tu.		
19	W.		
20	Th.		
21	Fr.		Every one at some time or other has a perfect round. Could he only schedule this for a desired date, he would be a champion — provided, of course, every one else was not just as forehanded.
22	Sa.	*Skunk holes are*	
23	Su.	*treacherous:*	
24	M.	*also skunks.*	
25	Tu.		
26	W.		Flattery is nowhere more out of place than in Golf. All golfers are, or should be, modest fellows, and extended praise of their game neither improves it nor yours. Flattery will never raise a handicap, and some say that it won't prevent slicing.
27	Th.		
28	Fr.		
29	Sa.		
30	Su.		
31	M.		

THE CHARACTER OF GOLF

THERE is no other game in which the three fundamental factors of life — the physiological, the psychological, and the social or moral — are so extraordinarily combined or so constantly called into play. Some sports, such as football, polo, rowing, call chiefly for muscular activity, judgment, and nerve; others, such as chess, draughts, backgammon, call upon the intellect only. In no other game that I know of is, first, the whole anatomical frame brought into such strenuous yet delicate action at every stroke; or, second, does the mind play so important a part in governing the actions of the muscles; or, third, do the character and temperament of your opponent so powerfully affect you as they do in Golf. To play well, these three factors in the game must be most accurately adjusted, and their accurate adjustment is as difficult as it is fascinating. . . .

An eminent Scots philosopher once told me that the eminence of Scottish philosophy was due to the fact that Scots philosophers were brought up on the Shorter Catechism. I venture to think that he might have extended his axiom to the St. Andrew's game. At any rate, this much is certain: Golf is a game in which attitude of mind counts for incomparably more than mightiness of muscle. Given an equality of strength and skill, the victory in Golf will be to him who is captain of his soul. Give me a clear eye, a healthy liver, a strong will, a collected mind, and a conscience void of offense both toward God and toward man, and I will back the pigmy against the giant. Golf is a test, not so much of the muscle, or even of the brain and nerves of a man, as it is a test of his inmost veriest self; of his soul and spirit; — of his whole character and disposition; of his temperament; of his habit of mind; of the entire content of his mental and moral nature as handed down to him by unnumbered multitudes of ancestors.

Arnold Haultain.

The Sun rises on November 1 at 6:17, sets at 4:39. On November 15 at 6:34, sets at 4:23.

The Moon is new on November 1 at 8:56 P. M. First quarter, 10th, 0:29 A. M. Full, 16th, 7:25 P. M. Last quarter, 23d, 1:13 P. M.

November hath 30 days.

When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruined choirs where late the sweet birds sang.

Shakespeare.

D. M.	D. W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	Tu.		The early portion of this month is more likely to be fair and warm enough for playing Golf, especially in New England, than the middle and latter days; the mornings are better than the afternoons, for then the sun is warmer, and the fear of coming darkness does not make you spoil your strokes by hastening.
2	W.		
3	Th.		
4	Fr.	*Careful of*	
5	Sa.		
6	Su.	*soggy spots.*	
7	M.		Leaves which have been raked from the course should immediately be burned, and the ashes scattered, as a stack of leaves has a peculiar attraction for golf-balls. Many caddies know this.
8	Tu.		
9	W.	*Turf not quite*	
10	Th.		
11	Fr.	*frozen yet.*	
12	Sa.		
13	Su.		
14	M.	*Play* BEFORE	During November it is important to be particularly careful about replacing all divots. The ground is now becoming cold, and if the turf is not firmly pressed into its proper place, the severed roots of the grass may die from exposure, and next year you may have a cup-lie where the ground should be smooth. It is sometimes a bother to replace divots, but it is from such little actions that true Virtue springs.
15	Tu.		
16	W.	*dinner on*	
17	Th.		
18	Fr.	*Thanksgiving*	
19	Sa.		
20	Su.	*Day.*	
21	M.		
22	Tu.		
23	W.		
24	Th.	THANKSGIVING DAY.	Before stowing the clubs away for the winter, it is well to scrape and clean the faces thoroughly, especially if there is any likelihood of rust. Perhaps a thin coating of oil would be good. The clubs should stand as nearly perpendicular as possible, else they may grow crooked.
25	Fr.		
26	Sa.		
27	Su.		
28	M.		
29	Tu.		
30	W.		

GOLF AND OLD AGE

GOLF knows no age limit, but merely regards the grave itself as a sort of nineteenth hole. . . . For Golf as an old man's game, there is unquestionably much to be said. It requires that abundant leisure which in the active years demands some apology; it deals gently but firmly with those organs immediately below the diaphragm, whose torpidity is the very sign-manual of approaching eld. It may be taken up without risk by anybody who can walk two miles in one hour; and it may be relinquished without that ominous going off physically which dropping the more active games often entails. But in the case of Golf, too, one must face the inexorable dilemma of what is good for the player and for the game. There is no doubt that Golf is good for the old gentlemen, but how good are they for Golf? In the way of suppression or manipulation of scores, they are prone to set an awful example. They are given to threesomes and to sociabilities en route that delay the progress of all following matches; they are not above small evasions, being averse to the "sand iron," often "dropping for one," when the true golfer goes down into the pit. Old men have been detected teeing up by mutual consent in the bunchy season of early frost. In short, their attitude is generally opportunistic, and few of them are above the suspicion of playing merely because it is good for their health. A doctor's prescription lurks in the pocket where the score-card should be. . . . Golf emphatically needs the old men quite as much as they need it; but it also needs the steady infusion of young blood, if only that the beautiful style of the "old school" may not yield utterly to the stodgier mechanics of middle and later years.

The Nation. (*N. Y.*)

The Sun rises on December 1 at 6:53, sets at 4:13. On December 15 at 7:06, sets at 4:12.

The Moon is new on December 1 at 4:10 P. M. First quarter, 9th, 2:05 P. M. Full, 16th, 6:05 A. M. Last quarter, 23d, 5:35 A. M. New, 31st, 11:21 A. M.

December hath 31 days.

'Tis a dull sight
To see the year dying,
When winter winds
Set the yellow wood sighing,
Sighing, oh! sighing. *Edward FitzGerald.*

D. M.	D. W.	ASPECTS, ETC.	CONSIDERATIONS
1	Th.		Was there ever a golfer who really relished and used the pretty leather cases for score cards which are so sure to be found, to the number of one or more, in the Christmas stocking? We think not. No doubt the best kind of a present is a dozen golf-balls, or perhaps a caddie bag, or a pair of gloves, — but never a golf-club, for that must be chosen by each man for himself.
2	Fr.		
3	Sa.		
4	Su.	*Early snow*	
5	M.	*along here*	
6	Tu.		
7	W.	*somewhere.*	
8	Th.		
9	Fr.		
10	Sa.		
11	Su.	*Use red balls,*	During the Winter it will be a good plan to look up some of the books on Golf. We have quoted in the pages of this ALMANAC the best short selections we could find, but there remains for the curious considerable matter, historical and pedantic, dealing with various aspects of the royal and ancient game. There is a Scotch mock epic called the *Golfiad*, which is very quaint reading, and a little volume of essays on different aspects of the game, from which we have extracted several fragments for these pages. But as a rule the literature of Golf deals with styles of play and how to achieve them.
12	M.		
13	Tu.	*and*	
14	W.		
15	Th.	*artificial tees.*	
16	Fr.		
17	Sa.		
18	Su.		
19	M.	*A blizzard*	
20	Tu.		
21	W.	*coming.*	
22	Th.		
23	Fr.		
24	Sa.		
25	Su.	CHRISTMAS DAY.	
26	M.		Some kind of regular exercise for the back and arms is useful to take during the cold months, else the golfer will be uncommonly stiff in the Spring. Sawing and chopping wood have often been recommended.
27	Tu.		
28	W.	*It comes.*	
29	Th.		
30	Fr.		
31	Sa.		

ANECDOTAGE

Old and New

TALKING

SOMETIMES we overhear strange things said on the links. Taylor and I were once fulfilling an important engagement together, and when my opponent had a particularly difficult shot to play, two ladies came up close to him and persisted in talking in a loud tone of voice. Taylor waited for a little while in the hope that their chatter would cease, but it did not. Then, in a feeling of desperation, he attempted to address his ball; but the task was hopeless. The conversation went on more loudly than ever, and he was doomed to certain failure if he attempted his stroke in those circumstances. So he stood up again, and looked round in the direction whence the voices came. "Oh," said one of the ladies then, "you can go on now. We 've finished." We must be thankful for small mercies.

Harry Vardon.

A FINE

LEITH, Nov. 16, 1776.

THIS day Lieutenant James Dalrymple of the 43d Regiment, being convicted of playing five different times without his uniform, was fined only Six Pints, having confessed the heinousness of his crime. *Ja. Cheap.*

At his own request he was fined Three Pints more.

(*Extract from the Minutes of St. Andrews.*)

RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT

A REALLY good foursome, when the partners play harmoniously and the holes are well fought out, is a splendid diversion from the ordinary game of golf. The interest and excitement of each member of the party often seems to affect the others, and to lead up to an intense mutual keenness which is often superior even to that experienced in single play. There is a wholesome satisfaction in the community of interests. The winning of a hole is coveted as it was never coveted before.

Have you heard what should be the classic story about the foursome? The match was all square on the sixteenth green, and one excited Scot stood by while his partner made a drive upon which the fortunes of a hard-fought game might rest. The caddies had been sent forward. The tee shot was pulled, and the ball went twisting round in the direction of the driver's boy. It struck him and he fell flat upon the ground. The driving partner dropped his club, and, with his face turned pale, muttered hoarsely to his friend, "Tonalt, I 've kilt the caddie!"

But Donald's mind was fixed upon other matters than the mere question of life and death, and with many excited gestures and a shriek of despair he exclaimed, "Then tamn it all, we 've lost the hole!" Under rule eighteen they had.

Harry Vardon.

OLD VERSES

The Commons and the Lords gowff,
Whig, Radical, and Tory gowff;
Balfour in front, a' join the hunt
At Parliamentary gowff.

MORAL

WHEN Lord Avebury was formally installed as Lord Rector of St. Andrews University, in succession to Andrew Carnegie, he delivered an interesting address in which he laid down certain maxims for making life useful, profitable, and happy. These maxims, it is significant, are applications and adaptations of the philosophy of golf to the game of life. The New York *Times* quotes his lordship's advice, which included the following: —

Keep your eye on the ball. Keep straight. Keep in the course. Take time. Do not press — never up, never in. Be temperate in all things. Keep your temper, or you 'll lose the game.

GENUINE EMOTION

A GOLFER who was playing about the links noticed the ragged condition of his caddie. Touched at his poverty, the good man gave the boy money to get food with and promised him a suit of clothes. Some time later, hearing that the lad's mother was dependent on him, he dispatched a load of coal and a round of beef.

The lad was grateful for all this kindness, and with tears in his eyes tried to express his gratitude.

"Please, sir — "

"Oh, that 's all right, my boy!" said the benefactor cheerily, "say nothing about it."

The caddie could no longer restrain himself. The kindly thought which lay at the bottom of his heart broke through.

"Please, sir," he cried, "I 'm sorry you 're such a bad player!"

Tit-Bits.

REMARKABLE SHOT

During a certain golf tournament, a very remarkable play took place. On driving from the first tee, the player sent the ball over the bunker, fully a hundred and seventy-five yards. It struck a screen on the second-floor window of a vacant parsonage, and went clear through the screen and window.

He had a problem to face. He was followed to the house by a large number of interested spectators. Forcing open a window, he climbed inside.

He found the ball in a back room upstairs, and with a mighty stroke tried to send it into a front room. It struck above the door and clattered about the room for a while. Another stroke was more accurate, and the ball went into the front room. A third put it through a window. The window had been raised to allow the ball free egress, but the stroke sent it rather high, and the ball crashed through two thicknesses of glass and out on the green.

Collier's Weekly.

POSSIBLE—FOR GOLF

An old Scotchman and a youth had been spending the day on the links. As they left for home the old man remarked, "Hey, mon, but it 's been a gran' day!"

"It has," the youth assented.

"Think ye could come again on the morrow, laddie?"

"Well," the young man answered reflectively, "I was to be married, but I can put it off."

London Answers.

A CURE

A New York pastor received a call in his study one morning from a man with whom he had a pleasant but not intimate acquaintance. And the visitor told him, without much ado, that he had called on a peculiar errand.

"Some time ago," he said, "as you know, I lost my wife. I have no children, I have no near kinspeople, and I am very lonely in the world. Last week, by an unlucky speculation, I lost my whole fortune. I am, therefore, without companionship, without an occupation, without money. I am too old to start again, and I have no joy in life as it is. I have deliberately decided, therefore, to commit suicide. And I called on you to ask the favor of you that when my body is found you will make such an explanation as your good judgment and kindly feeling toward me may suggest. I have come simply to ask this favor and not to argue the question, which I have settled for myself. If you do me this last service, I shall be very grateful."

The preacher said little, and was far too wise to undertake to dissuade him; but he permitted the man to say all that he had to say without interruption.

Then, as he was going away, the preacher called to him and said: —

"I have not seen you on the golf links for some time. You used to enjoy the game."

"Yes," said the other.

"Well, go out and play one more game to-day before you carry out your purpose."

The man smiled for the first time, and went to the golf course, and — he is living yet.

World's Work.

EXTRAORDINARY HAPPENING

A CLERICAL competitor on a golf tournament started his round with a poorish drive, but his ball, before it ceased rolling, was picked up by a dog, which ran off with it. The player gave chase, and as the dog did not go his best pace, he caught up with it near a corner of the out of bounds enclosure. The dog, which may be described as a fox terrier, turned to the right in the direction of the hole, so the player, keeping pace with him, refrained from further action. Soon there came a thrilling moment when the dog showed signs of jumping over the cop. The caddie was for shouting at him, but the golfer, risking much to gain much, restrained him and the dog trotted on to the putting-green. Then, and not till then, master and man took action. The dog, frightened by a volley of clubs, balls, and imprecations, began to run for his life, turning his head to keep his eye on his pursuers. As a result, he ran into the pin, and the shock made him drop the ball. The owner holed his putt in two. *Golf Illustrated.*

'T is very old, this game of golf,
And at it great men did not scoff.
But there was one well known to fame,
Who never could complete his game.
Of this there is no doubt I think —
'T was Darwin of the missing link. *W. C. B.*

A MORAL GAME

"YOU don't play golf with your muscles," Professor Tait is said to have remarked to Sir Oliver Lodge one day, "you play with your morals."

"But I hope," said Sir Oliver, with a hasty glance round, "that no one will consider my morals as bad as my golf." *London Daily News.*

LITERALLY

THE story is told of two old Scotchmen who meet on a course every Saturday afternoon, no matter what the weather may be, save in the dead of winter.

One day they were all square at the seventeenth, and the loser of the last week had just played his third in the shape of a nice approach to the green.

Last week's winner came up to his ball with grim purpose. He had an easy pitch to the green, but a number of young sheep were unconcernedly browsing along the edge.

"Rin forrard, laddie," said last week's winner to his caddie, "and drive awa' the lambs."

"Na, na!" vigorously protested his opponent. "Bide where ye be, laddie! Ye canna move any growin' thing! That's the rule o' gowff."

Youth's Companion.

FORE AND FIVE

AN Irishman was walking along a road beside a golf course, and was suddenly struck between the shoulders by a golf ball. Presently he observed a golfer running towards him.

"Are you hurt?" asked the player. "Why did n't you get out of the way?"

"An' why should I get out of the way?" asked Pat. "I did n't know there were any assassins round here."

"But I called 'fore,'" said the player, "and when I say 'fore' it is a sign for you to get out of the way."

"Oh, is it?" said Pat. "Well, thin, whin I say 'foive,' it's a sign that you are going to get hit on the nose. 'Foive.'"

New York World.

ORIGIN OF GRAFT

An expert golfer had the misfortune to play a particularly vigorous stroke at the moment that a seedy wayfarer skulked across the edge of the course. The ball struck the trespasser and rendered him senseless for a brief time. When he recovered, a five-dollar bill was pressed into his hand by the regretful golfer.

"Thanky, sir," said the injured man, after a kindling glance at the money. "An' when will you be playing again, sir?" *Lippincott's Magazine.*

A MATTER OF NAMES

A stranger who wished to play golf at North Berwick saw some one in authority upon the matter.

"What name?" asked the dignified official in charge.

"De Neufeldt," the stranger replied.

"Mon," said the official in a tone of disgust, "we canna fash oorsels wi' names like that at North Berwick. Ye 'll start in the morn at ten-fifteen to the name of Fairgusson." *Blackwood's Magazine.*

OPTIMISTIC

An amateur had been asking a professional what he thought of his game.

"Na, ye 'll no mak a gowffer," he said, "ye 've begun ower late. But it 's just possible if ye pr-ractice harrd, verra harrd, for twa-three years, ye micht — "

"Yes?" inquired the other expectantly.

"Ye micht begin to hae a glimmer that ye 'll never ken the r-rudiments o' the game." *Sketch.*

A TREAT

A CADDIE followed a green player to the tee, and offered to go round with him for fifty cents.

"Never mind, my son," said the amateur, "I'll get along alone all right."

With that he made a magnificent swing at the ball and missed it by a foot.

"Say mister," said the caddie, "I'll go round with you for a quarter."

The player declined, and tried to look self-possessed. He made another swing at the ball, and missed it again.

"Say, mister," said the boy, "I'll go round with you for fifteen cents."

By that time the man was rattled and struck at the ball three times. The boy, who had retreated some distance, called, "Won't you take me for nothing? I'll go round for the fun of it."

New York Sun.

POEMS, ANTIQUITIES, AND SO ON

TO ST. ANDREW

THAT man upon whose natal hour,
Thy beaming eye has smiled,
Inspiring with a Golfer's power,
Dear Saint, thy favored child.

Ne'er shall the Turf's blue ribbon grace,
Victorious on the course,
His the first favorite for the race,
Or his the winning horse.

'T is not for him, a Golfer born,
The warrior's pæan rings;
Nor his the laurel rudely torn
From the brow of conquered kings.

But the sunlit seas that, laughing, lave
Bright Eden's sandy shore,
Shall whisper his name in each rippling wave,
Till time shall be nevermore.

And the deep green seas, with their billowy dash,
And their stern triumphant roar,
Shall bellow his name, as they thundering crash,
On old Saint Andrew's shore.

In Royal Ancient records placed,
Amidst the sons of fame,
With never-ending medals graced,
Great master of The Game!

Sweet saint! whose spirit haunts the Course
And broods o'er every Hole,
And gives the Driver vital force,
And calms the Putter's soul.

Thou giv'st me, to the world's last hour,
A Golfer's fame divine,
I boast thy gift — a Driver's power;
If I can Putt — 't is thine!

Knapdale, in *Blackwood's Magazine.*

MY SOUNDEST GOLF

WHEN reading Braid on Golf I feel
I never more shall toe or heel.
That when I drive from off the tee
Straight as an arrow it will be.
My brassie shots will make you stare
As they go flying through the air.
My mashie strokes all picked up clean
And landed safely on the green.
My putt will take me but one more
And I have done the hole in four.
But when upon the links I come
I don't play as I do at home.
My soundest golf is always there
When reading Braid in my armchair.

Westminster Gazette.

THE GOLFER'S SOLILOQUY

(*Being on the edge of the last green all even*)

TO loft or not to loft, that is the question: —
Whether 't is safer with a well-pitched shot to try
And lay the ball right dead upon the hole,
Or with a putter try to hole it out

Or lay a stymie? To loft — to fluke —
No more; and by a fluke to say we end
The match and all the chances we have run
Of losing it — 't is a consummation
Devoutly to be wished. To loft — to fluke —
To fluke! Perchance to foozle — there 's the rub;
For in that foozle what despair may come
When we have played the like and so again
Must play the odd! There 's the misplay
That makes calamity of our record game.
For who would bear the whips and scorns of time,
The caddie's sneer, his backer's contumely,
The pangs of bunkered shots, the cuppy lies,
The opponent's insolence and e'en the spurns
That patient merit of the unworthy takes,
When he himself is sure of his approach
With lofting mashie? Who would load himself
With niblicks, cranes, and every kind of club
But that the dread of something on the green,
Some hazard of some crab-hole from whose bourne
No golf-ball e'er returns, puzzles the will,
And makes us rather bear those ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of?
Thus conscience doth make cowards of us all;
And thus the native hue of resolution
Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought;
And enterprises of great pith and moment
With this regard, their arguments turned awry
Do lose the name of action. *E. C. Porter.*

MY CADDIE

WHO follows me from day to day,
Who makes remarks upon my play,
And smokes the stumps I throw away?
My caddie.

Who knows the club I ought to use,
And does n't give me leave to choose?
Whom do I swear at when I lose?
My caddie.

Who, when my ball is in the gorse,
Is heard to murmur something coarse,
In tones a little more than hoarse?
My caddie.

And when my earthly span 's complete,
And my last putt is holed out neat,
I have no doubt that I shall meet
My caddie.

Golf Illustrated.

SUNDAY GOLF

April 27, 1651.— The which day James Rodger, Johne Rodger, Johne Howdan, Andrew Howdan, and George Patersone, were complained upon for playing at the golf upon ane Lord's day; were ordained to be cited the next day.

May 4. — The which day compaired the aforementioned persons, and confessed their prophaning of the Lord's day by playing at the golf; were ordained to make their publick repentance the next day.

Register of the Kirk Session of Humbie.

January 30, 1621. — David Hairt. — The quhilke day David Hairt, prenteis to Gilbert Banhop wrycht, confest prophanatione of the Sabboth in playing at the goff in the park on the Sabboth aftirnone in tyme of preaching; and therefor is ordenit to pay *ad pios usus* vjs. viij*d.* &c.

Register of the Kirk Session of Stirling.

THE SECRET OF GOLF

A Surmise

He could loft a ball from the top of his watch straight into his beaver hat.
He could tee a ball on the window-sill and pink the vagrom cat.
He could putt from the top of the oaken stair to a hole on the floor below,
And niblick the sphere from a baby's ear and the baby would n't know.

He could brassie some fifteen hundred feet and clip off a daisy's top.
He could jigger the ball o'er a steeple tall as most men would jigger a cop.
He could stand on his head to his caddie's dread, and dismay of all hard by,
And then with the ease with which I would sneeze lift the ball from a cuppy lie.

He could drive a ball for two hundred yards to the blade of a carver keen,
And cut it in two as easy as you could slice up sod from the green.
The bird that flies high up in the skies, he 'd wing with his driving cleek,
And I 've seen him graze as soft as haze the down on a damsel's cheek.

But he never could win in the tournament, no matter how well he played.
He 'd never a cup on his mantel-piece; in medals was never arrayed.

For though his game was the finest golf that ever was witnessed yet,
He never could seem to comprehend a bit of golf etiquette.

He 'd cross the putt of the other man; he 'd play when nearer the hole.
He could n't grasp the simplest rules to save his golfing soul.
And that is why this golfer keen is never up, but down;
And that is why this king of the green does n't wear the golfer's crown.

The moral is clear, oh golfer bold, oh golfer strong and true:
You may be able to whack the ball, and make your opponent blue;
You may be able to do freak things, and play past all compare;
But unless you learn the etiquette, you 'd better play solitaire.

Carlyle Smith, in *Harper's Monthly.*

OMAR ON THE LINKS

COME, choose your Ball, and in the fire of Spring
Your Red Coat, and your wooden Putter fling;
The Club of Time has but a little while
To waggle, and the Club is on the swing. . . .

Each Morn a thousand Matches brings, you say;
Yes, but who plays the Match of Yesterday?
And this first Summer month of opening Greens
Shall take this Championship and That away. . . .

They say the Female and the Duffer strut
On sacred Greens where Morris used to putt;
Himself a natural Hazard now, alas!
That nice Hand quiet now, that great Eye shut. . . .

I sometimes think that never springs so green
The Turf as where some Good Fellow has been,
And every emerald Stretch the Fair Green shows
His kindly Tread has known, his sure Play seen.

Ah, my Beloved, play the Round that offers
To-day some joy, whate'er To-morrow suffers:
To-morrow! — why, to-morrow I may be
Myself with Yesterday's Sev'n thousand Duffers. . . .

As then the Sparrow for his morning Crumb,
Do thou each Morrow to the First Tee come,
And play thy quiet Round, till crusty Age
Condemn thee to a hopeless Dufferdom. . . .

The Ball no question makes of Ayes and Noes,
But Here or There as strikes the Player goes,
And ye who play behold the Ball fly clean,
Or roll a Rod; but why? Who knows? Who knows? . . .

And that inverted Ball they call the High —
By which the Duffer thinks to live or die,
Lift not your hands to It for help, for it
As impotently froths as you or I. . . .

Ah, let the Honor go to Fate, and let
All difficulties by that Crack be met;
The Duffer still may win a Half or two,
Content while Fate is only Dormie yet. . . .

And when, like her, my Golfer, I have been
And am no more above the pleasant Green,
And you in your mild Journey pass the Hole
I made in One — ah! pay my Forfeit then!

TAMÁM

H. W. Boynton.

THE SELECTION OF CLUBS

EVERY one says, and rightly, that the selection of your clubs is one of the most important steps in the game — more important even than making a stroke, for a stroke cannot be made without clubs. A few directions from one who has had long experience in advising others how to pick out golf-sticks will doubtless be welcome.

First as to the driver. It should be neither too long nor too short. Its weight should be carefully tested, on the scales if the purchaser cannot register ounces and pounds with accuracy in his hands. The head and the shaft must be of wood, and the handle of leather or rubber. All surfaces but the face should be polished. The shaft is usually fitted into the headpiece, and the joint is further strengthened by a tie of waxed string.

The brassie next takes our attention. It, like the driver, must not be either too long or too short, and its heft is a matter for nice judgment. The face should be tilted back, and the bottom should be shod with brass, which gives it its name, brassie.

In choosing a cleek or driving-iron, or in fact any other club, great pains must be expended to get precisely the best length. This wholly depends on the distance between the hands and the ground, which may be measured by a tape, though it usually does simply to try if the club will touch the ground. If it will not reach, a longer one must be picked out.

In regard to the other clubs, such as mid-iron spoon, niblick, mashie, putter, etc., the player must use his own judgment, as no one can possibly tell him whether he will be able to wield them till he tries. If the player has a mind of his own, he will not do exactly what the salesman says, or even exactly the contrary. This is not disrespect-

ful to the salesman, who probably plays a better game than his customer. It is our belief, however, that in choosing a club a golfer performs substantially the same feat of emotion and reason as is noticed in the selection of a horse.

CURIOUS GROUND RULES

"*A ball shall be played where it lies.*" — *Rules of Golf.*

A BALL stymied by water faucets near greens may be lifted and dropped on either side a corresponding distance from the hole, without penalty.

A ball lying on the putting-green may be lifted and cleaned, then replaced in its former position, without penalty.

A ball partially buried in mud may be lifted and dropped, without penalty.

If a ball lies within twenty yards of the hole, irregularities in the line of the putt can be smoothed down across the line of play, without penalty.

A ball lodging in a tree may be dropped, without penalty, but not nearer the hole.

A ball driven into the front face of a bunker and remaining there must be taken out and dropped a club's length back of the lie, as near as possible.

Stymies shall be played unless it be otherwise agreed.

A player may lift his ball without penalty when on the "Fair Green."

A ball going into the roads, walks, or flower-beds about the club-house may be removed only at the penalty of a loss of a stroke, and if in a flower-bed it must be moved, and to the side nearest the putting-green; and in the event of a ball going into the porch or any part of the club-house, the player loses the hole.

The ditches and road as marked by flags are not con-

sidered hazards on the first stroke or drive. A player playing into any one of them on his first stroke or drive may drop his ball behind the hazards, as far back as he may wish in line with the hole and the point at which his ball entered the hazard, without penalty.

The Golfers' Magazine.

CONCERNING GOLF-BALLS

As to golf-balls, there has, since 1848, been quite a revolution. Before that, feather balls were used. Their manufacture gave employment to many. They were made of hard leather, firmly stuffed with feathers, and very carefully sewed up. These were not spherical, but slightly egg-shaped. So much annoyed was James I at the "no small quantitie of gold" which was being paid for Dutch golf-balls that he ordered them to be bought from the workshop of James Melvill, the price not to exceed fourpence. The names of Peter, Davie, and Allan Robertson of St. Andrews, and Gourlay of Musselburgh, are identified with the old style. Allan used to turn out about three thousand in a year, at half-a-crown each. These were not able to stand tear and wear; wet weather soon spoiled them. What a prize it was for a schoolboy to find in a whin a used-up "featherie," and get it "new lickt wi' pent" to conceal the rent and scar! A cut with one of Haig's mighty irons did for a new one; soon, according to the poet Graham, the damaged balls

> 'Whirred and fuffed, and dooked and shied,
> And slentit into bunkers.'

For a time the feather-ball makers were alarmed when they saw the experimental "gutties" brought by Campbell of Saddell from London. The caddies, who made them at "slack" times in the winter, dreaded, like the silversmiths of Ephesus, that their living was gone. A general

"boycott" was attempted. Allan tried them; but as they were unmarked and unhammered, they would not fly well. But the necessary cutting with the hammer was applied, and they went first-rate. Accordingly, Allan bought up all the old ones found in the whin by the boys, and burned the "filthy stuff." This was of no avail; and Allan lived to see their profitable employment. The "gutties" were universally adopted. This change alone caused such an enormous increase of both players and caddies, that two holes had to be made on the putting-greens at St. Andrews, — the one for the outgoing and the other for the incoming players. Moulds of different kinds came into use to secure the marking without hammering.

J. Gordon McPherson.

TOM MORRIS

Tom, "old Tom," is a character, an institution, a subject on which the most interesting monograph might be written. Wherever golf is played his name is a password; interviewers have interviewed him, journalists made copy out of him; photographers photographed him (including in this connection at least one very skilful lady amateur, who confesses to an absorbing admiration for him); artists have sketched him, with sometimes astonishingly happy results; and, truth to tell, he, as he is known to us now, lends himself somewhat readily to artistic effort — his characteristic attitudes, his hands always in his pockets, except when engaged in the congenial occupation of grasping a club or filling afresh a pipe (which, by the same token, is oddly enough always a brand-new clay of choice), his grey beard, all these and sundry other points go to form an individuality as striking as it is unique. The writer recently came across a remark which he noticed with some attention; it was that in writing, for any good

results to be produced, the mind must be red-hot behind the pen. As to the results here produced, the readers of this chapter will of course be judges; but there is one particular as to which the writer's mind is as red-hot in its conviction as the most ardent scribe could desire: this point is, that never could there be met with a more perfect specimen of what is called "Nature's gentleman" than old Tom. Nobility of character is writ on his handsome sunburnt face in letters as clear as day, and withal there is an admixture of naïve and unsophisticated simplicity which is charming to the last degree.

An illustration of what is intended to be conveyed may be given in the following anecdote: Many years ago, at the High hole at St. Andrews, Tom was working away in difficulties to the extent of three more or thereabouts, and still a very long way from the hole. Captain Broughton happening to pass by, remarked, "Oh, pick up your ball, Tom, it 's no use."

"Na, na," said he, "I might hole it."

"If you do, I 'll give you £50."

"Done," said Tom, and had another whack, and by some million to one chance the ball did actually go into the hole.

"That will make a nice nest-egg for me to put in the bank," he remarked, and, further to give the *ipsissima verba*, "the Captain he pit on a gey sarous face, nae doot o' that, and passed on."

Within a few days the Captain honorably appeared with the £50, of which, however, Tom resolutely refused to touch one farthing, remarking that the whole thing was a joke, and "he wisna raly meaning it."

From all parts of the country communications reach him on recondite legal questions connected with the game; as an arbiter his authority is acknowledged beyond dispute, in virtue of his vast stores of knowledge, of tradition, of golfing lore, of his years, and consequent wisdom. A veri-

table Nestor he; gifted, moreover, he is with the faculty of harmonizing the most hopelessly discordant elements. Is there a pull-devil, pull-baker sort of squabble on the teeing-ground as to who should start first, about fifty balls teed in a row, and their respective owners all swearing at one another, down comes Tom, oil-bag in hand, lets out a few drops, and the raging waves acknowledge the soothing influence and subside at once into the ripple of a summer sea. He is a man of whom it is impossible to conceive that he could ever have had an enemy in the world.

H. S. C. Everard.

THE GOLF BORE

TOWARDS the middle of November, when the days are short, and the air is chill and the wind keen, and the handles of one's clubs hard and slippery, when the turf is lumpy and the greens rough, then is the very prime of the year for that individual who is infinitely worse than all other individuals of the same general species — we refer to the genus Golf Bore.

During these autumn-wintry hours he lurks in half hiding, like the Ancient Mariner, out for wedding guests. Golfer or non-golfer, it is all one to him; he wants some ear to talk into, and so be it an open though an unwilling ear, it will have its fill, and over. Avoid the Golf Bore as you would the devil's self, unless your time is your own and you have no use for it. The Golf Bore will never avoid you.

"Do you remember," he begins craftily, "do you remember the day I passed you on the third hole at Wash-wash? Nineteenth of July, I think. No, the twentieth."

You recollect the encounter.

"Well," the voice goes on, "I don't think I ever told you what I did that day."

"Did n't you?" you inquire. But there's no giving offence to him who will not take it.

"No, I don't think I did. I told Eliot and Tomson, and they may have told you, but they never get it straight. Have a cigar?"

"No, thanks, I 'm not smoking just now." You tremble, because cigars mean time out.

"Well, then, I 'll tell you. It 's quite a story. Ha, ha, ha! By Jove! But it was the most peculiar thing. Look here, you know Smith? Well, he was playing just ahead of us, and I 'll never forget the expression on his face, never. It was like this. I was even up with Jones for the eighteen holes, so we started round again to settle things. Halved the first and the second in four and five, and started in on the third. He sliced out towards the woods, but I got a good straight drive, with a cinch shot for over. He topped out into the fair green, and my second dropped over the bunker. Then he holed out!"

Even though the tale is being told by a Golf Bore, you have, according to all the rules of civilization, to gasp a little at this feat.

"Yes, sir, he holed out. Neatest thing you ever saw. We came down to the green and the caddie said, 'You 've holed out, Mr. Jones' — always calls him Jones, you know — he 's an intelligent fellow, that caddie. Well, there was Jones down in three, and there was I on the farther edge of the green with a — you remember that drive and putt story, don't you? Well, that was the kind of a putt I had to make."

Here, if your talker is anything of an artist, he stops to give you a chance. So you reply, "What did you do? Pretty hard fix, that!"

"I know it," he says humbly. "I realized that I must go down or else lose the match. So I went down."

For obvious and merciful reasons I have evaporated

this yarn to about one quarter of its original amount. Several enlightening things are noticeable.

One is that the point is visible from the start. You know what is going to happen, and the chances are that he knows you know. The tale could be condensed to a telegraphic ten words. But it is n't and you need n't expect it to be. It will become a little classic, this narrative of "How I Got Him, When He Thought He Had Me." It will be related and re-related, till it slips, on the slimmest occasion, from the grooves of memory through very inability to restrain itself.

Another deplorable quality about this yarn, and about almost any yarn your Golf Bore gets off is that the point is no good anyway. This is an age of miracles, and golf is, par excellence, the game of miracles. If miracles did not happen, no one would ever win. So his tale of a marvel is further discounted, because it is common, and is immediately classed mentally with the perfectly stupid, perfectly possible, perfectly improbable, but nevertheless perfectly true things which no one should ever mention.

During the season the Golf Bore can be dodged, though it is difficult. On the links he can be awed into silence. In the locker-room there may be other things to consider, and besides, dressing fully occupies a man's mind. On the train or car he is worse, but then there is the scenery to look at. In the "cold and sniv'ling month of November," however, his encroachments are the weariest, and the hardest to hold out against.

He tackles you at lunch-time, in town, on a stool with a plate of hash before you, while a thing that must be well and rapidly thought out is buzzing in your head. He gets you after the cold unsatisfactory Saturday afternoon's nine holes, while you warm up in front of the club fire. He gets you after dinner at his house — or yours — if either of you have the temerity to bid the other to a meal. While your brain listens to all outward appearances

respectfully, it inwardly boils and seethes with impatience.

"We looked and looked where that ball ought to be," floats to your ears. It is the Bore. Listen! "And we hunted all around the lot. I said to Henry, 'It must be here, because I saw it bounce this way.' So we hunted some more, and finally we found it, you'll never guess where!"

"In the hole," you suggest feebly, not having heard the beginning of the tale.

"Don't be an ass. How could it be in the hole at five hundred yards? Why, finally we discovered it under a leaf! What do you think of that?"

You know what you think, but you do not divulge it. It is the regulation golf story; you could have told, if you had cared to pay attention, what was going to happen ten minutes ago. The anecdote belongs to that innumerable band of anecdotes relating to the extraordinary. Too much extraordinariness, you reflect, is wearisome to the flesh. But an idea strikes you. You know what you will do next time.

Next time comes sooner than you had anticipated. The Bore bores. By and by he lets up a second. You comment scornfully, "Huh! That's nothing! Why, you should have seen what I did, at the same hole, two years ago. I was playing with —" And you proceed, boring in your turn. The golden rule is being fulfilled, and you hug yourself for glee.

This is the story with me. I thought I had got the Bore business fixed. Whenever a Bore came up, or one in his semblance, I would start in and bore him first. I did not always wait to see the whites of his eyes, or feint to draw his fire. I bored him before he got a chance. And ever since I adopted this practice I have been happy, happy beyond human hope — till yesterday morning.

Then the bubble broke. I overheard on a train two men

discussing me. One was unconsciously a Golf Bore. The other was just a golfer, a good, ten handicap golfer. And in the course of their conversation it slowly, horribly, dawned on me that they were setting me down for a Golf Bore! It was the ten handicap man that suggested the term, and his companion welcomed the idea eagerly. Me a Golf Bore! I arose in my seat, only to sink back, for the way of the eavesdropper is hard. Fortunately they called my station pretty soon.

Since yesterday I have thought things over. I will be more charitable, and less discourteous. Perhaps others became Golf Bores even as I did — out of self-defence. Once you get into the habit, and the accompanying reputation, it sticks, like glue or an ill name. But if I live long enough and take pains, and don't tell what I did last Saturday on the eleventh tee, why, I may clear my honor yet. I did really do a curious thing on the eleventh tee. I — but no; the rest shall be silence.

AMERICAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1894 Willie Dunn, New York.
1895 H. Rawlins, Newport.
1896 James Foulis, Chicago.
1897 Joe Lloyd, Essex.
1898 Fred Herd, Washington Park.
1899 W. Smith, Midlothian.
1900 H. Vardon, Ganton, Eng.
1901 Willie Anderson, Pittsfield, Mass.
1902 Lawrence Auchterlonie, Glen View.
1903 Willie Anderson, Apawamis.
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1906 Alex Smith, Nassau.
1907 Alec Ross, Brae Burn.
1908 Fred McLeod, Midlothian.
1909 George Sargent, Sudbury, Vt.

AMERICAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

1894 W. G. Lawrence, Newport. (Medal play.)
1895 C. B. MacDonald, Chicago. C. E. Sands, St. Andrew's, runner-up.
1896 H. J. Whigham, Onwentsia. J. G. Thorpe, Cambridge, runner-up.
1897 H. J. Whigham, Onwentsia. W. R. Betts, Shinnecock Hills, runner-up.
1898 F. S. Douglas, Fairfield. Walter B. Smith, Onwentsia, runner-up.
1899 H. M. Harriman, Meadowbrook. F. S. Douglas, Fairfield, runner-up.
1900 W. J. Travis, Garden City. F. S. Douglas, Fairfield, runner-up.

1901 W. J. Travis, Garden City. Walter E. Egan, Onwentsia, runner-up.
1902 L. N. James, Glen View. E. M. Byers, Allegheny, runner-up.
1903 W. J. Travis, Garden City. E. M. Byers, Allegheny, runner-up.
1904 H. Chandler Egan, Exmoor. Frederick Herreshoff, Brooklyn, runner-up.
1905 H. Chandler Egan, Exmoor. D. E. Sawyer, Wheaton, runner-up.
1906 Eben B. Byers, Pittsburgh. G. D. Lyon, Toronto, runner-up.
1907 Jerome D. Travers, Montclair. Archie Graham, North Jersey, runner-up.
1908 Jerome D. Travers, Montclair. Max Behr, Morris County, runner-up.

WOMAN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1895 Beatrix Hoyt.
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1897 Beatrix Hoyt.
1898 Beatrix Hoyt.
1899 Ruth Underhill.
1900 Frances Griscom.
1901 Genevieve Hecker.
1902 Genevieve Hecker.
1903 Bessie Anthony.
1904 Georgianna Bishop.
1905 Pauline MacKay.
1906 Harriet S. Curtis.
1907 Margaret Curtis.
1908 Katherine C. Harley, Fall River.

WESTERN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1899 Will. Smith.
1900 (None held.)
1901 Lawrence Auchterlonie.
1902 Willie Anderson.
1903 Alex. Smith.
1904 Willie Anderson.
1905 Arthur Smith.
1906 Alex. Smith.
1907 Robert Simpson.
1908 Willie Anderson.

WESTERN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

1899 David R. Forgan.
1900 William Waller.
1901 Phelps B. Hoyt.
1902 H. C. Egan.
1903 Walter E. Egan.
1904 H. C. Egan.
1905 H. C. Egan.
1906 D. E. Sawyer.
1907 H. C. Egan.
1908 Mason E. Phelps.
1909 Charles Evans.

WESTERN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

1901 Bessie Anthony.
1902 Bessie Anthony.
1903 Bessie Anthony.

1904 Frances Everett.
1905 Mrs. Chas. L. Dering.
1906 Mrs. Chas. L. Dering.
1907 Lilian French.
1908 Mrs. W. F. Anderson.

NUMBER OF GOLF CLUBS

According to the latest available report, the number of golf clubs in the various States is as follows: —

Alabama, 6. Arizona, 4. Arkansas, 3. California, 23. Colorado, 8. Connecticut, 41. Delaware, 1. District of Columbia, 1. Florida, 15. Georgia, 9. Illinois, 56. Indiana, 21. Indian Territory, 1. Iowa, 27. Kansas, 8. Kentucky, 8. Louisiana, 2. Maine, 13. Maryland, 8. Massachusetts, 79. Michigan, 26. Minnesota, 10. Mississippi, 1. Missouri, 21. Montana, 2. Nebraska, 8. Nevada, 1. New Hampshire, 18. New Jersey, 43. New York, 115. North Carolina, 6. North Dakota, 1. Ohio, 32. Oklahoma, 6. Oregon, 2. Pennsylvania, 68. Rhode Island, 10. South Carolina, 9. South Dakota, 5. Tennessee, 5. Texas, 13. Utah, 1. Vermont, 10. Virginia, 9. Washington, 4. West Virginia, 6. Wisconsin, 25. Wyoming, 1.

RULES OF THE GAME OF GOLF

DEFINITIONS.

(1) A "side" consists either of one player or of two players. If one player play against another, the match is called "a single." If two play against two, each side playing one ball, the match is called "a foursome." If one play against two playing one ball between them, the match is called "a threesome."

(2) "Advice" is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining the line of play, in the choice of a club, or in the method of making a stroke.

(3) The "Course" is the whole area within which play is permitted; more particularly, it is the ground between the holes which is specially prepared for play.

(4) The "teeing-ground" is the starting-place for a hole. The front of each teeing-ground shall be indicated by two marks placed in a line as nearly as possible at right angles to the line of play, and the teeing-ground shall include a rectangular space of the depth of two club lengths directly behind the line indicated by the two marks.

(5) "Through the green" is all ground on which play is permitted, except hazards and the putting-green of the hole that is being played.

(6) A "hazard" is any bunker, water (except casual water), sand, path, road, ditch, bush, or rushes. Sand blown on to the grass, or sprinkled on the course for its preservation, bare patches, sheep-tracks, snow and ice are not hazards.

(7) "Casual water" is any temporary accumulation of water (whether caused by rainfall, flooding, or otherwise) which is not one of the ordinary and recognized hazards of the course.

(8) "Out of bounds" is all ground on which play is prohibited

(9) A ball is "out of bounds" when the greater part of it lies within a prohibited area.

(10) The "putting-green" is all ground, except hazards, within twenty yards of the hole.

(11) The hole shall be 4¼ inches in diameter, and at least 4 inches deep. If a metal lining be used, it shall be sunk below the lip of the hole and its outer diameter shall not exceed 4¼ inches.

(12) The term "loose impediments" denotes any obstructions not fixed or growing, and includes dung, worm-casts, mole-hills, snow, and ice.

(13) A "stroke" is the forward movement of the club made with the intention of striking the ball, or any contact between the head of the club and the ball resulting in movement of the ball, except in case of a ball accidentally knocked off a tee (Rule 2 (1)).

(14) A "penalty stroke" is a stroke added to the score of a side under certain rules, and does not affect the rotation of play.

(15) The side which plays off first from a teeing-ground is said to have the "honor."

(16) In "teeing," the ball may be placed on the ground, or on sand or other substance in order to raise it off the ground.

(17) A player has "addressed the ball" when he has taken his stance and grounded his club, or, if in a hazard, when he has taken his stance preparatory to striking at the ball.

(18) A ball is "in play" as soon as the player has made a stroke at a teeing-ground, and it remains in play until holed out, except when lifted in accordance with the Rules.

(19) A ball is deemed to "move" if it leaves its original position in the least degree; but it is not considered to "move" if it merely oscillate and come to rest in its original position.

(20) A ball is "lost" if it be not found within five minutes after the search for it has begun.

(21) The reckoning of strokes is kept by the terms — "the odd," "two more," "three more," etc., and "one off three," "one off two," "the like." The reckoning of holes is kept by the terms — so many "holes up," or "all even," and so many "to play."

A side is said to be "dormie" when it is as many holes up as there are holes remaining to be played.

GENERAL AND THROUGH THE GREEN

RULE 1

(1) The Game of Golf is played by two sides, each playing its own ball.

The game consists in each side playing a ball from a teeing-ground into a hole by successive strokes. The hole is won by the side which holes its ball in fewer strokes than the opposing side, except as otherwise provided for in the Rules.

The hole is halved if both sides hole out in the same number of strokes.

(2) A match consists of one round of the course unless it be otherwise agreed. A match is won by the side which is leading by a number of holes greater than the number of holes remaining to be played.

A match is halved if each side win the same number of holes.

Matches constituted of singles, threesomes, or foursomes shall have precedence of and be entitled to pass any other kind of match.

A single player has no standing, and shall always give way to a match of any kind.

Any match playing a whole round shall be entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round.

If a match fail to keep its place on the green, and lose in distance more than one clear hole on the players in front, it may be passed, on request being made.

RULE 2

(1) A match begins by each side playing a ball from the first teeing-ground.

A ball played from outside the limits of the teeing-ground, or played by a player when his opponent should have had the honor, may be at once recalled by the opposing side, and may be re-teed without penalty.

If a ball fall or be knocked off a tee by the player in addressing it, it may be re-teed without penalty; if the ball be struck when so moving, no penalty shall be incurred.

(2) The option of taking the honor at the first teeing-ground shall, if necessary, be decided by lot.

The side which wins a hole shall take the honor at the next teeing-ground. If a hole has been halved, the side which had the honor at the previous teeing-ground shall retain it.

On beginning a new match, the winner of the long match in the previous round shall take the honor; if the previous long match was halved, the side which last won a hole shall take the honor.

RULE 3

In a threesome or foursome the partners shall strike off alternately from the teeing-grounds, and shall strike alternately during the play of each hole.

If a player play when his partner should have played, his side shall lose the hole.

RULE 4

(1) A player may not ask for nor willingly receive advice from any one except his own caddie, his partner, or his partner's caddie.

(2) A player may employ a forecaddie, but may not receive advice from him.

(3) When playing through the green, or from a hazard, a player may have the line to the hole indicated to him, but no mark shall be placed nor shall any one stand on the proposed line, in order to indicate it, while the stroke is being made.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole.

RULE 5

The ball must be fairly struck at with the head of the club, not pushed, scraped, nor spooned.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole.

RULE 6

A ball must be played wherever it lies or the hole be given up, except as otherwise provided for in the Rules and Local Rules.

RULE 7

When the balls are in play, the ball farther from the hole shall be played first. Through the green, or in a hazard, if a player play when his opponent should have played, the opponent may at once recall the stroke. A ball so recalled shall be dropped as near as possible to the place where it lay, without penalty.

RULE 8

A ball shall be dropped in the following manner: The player himself shall drop it. He shall face the hole, stand erect, and drop the ball behind him over his shoulder.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole.

If, in the act of dropping, the ball touch the player, he shall incur no penalty, and, if it roll into a hazard, the player may re-drop the ball without penalty.

RULE 9

(1) A ball in play may not be touched before the hole is played out, except as provided for in the Rules.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be one stroke.

The player may, without penalty, touch his ball with his club in the act of addressing it, provided he does not move it.

A ball in play may, with the opponent's consent, be lifted for the purpose of identification, but it must be carefully replaced.

(2) If the player's ball move the opponent's ball through the green or in a hazard, the opponent, if he choose, may drop a ball, without penalty, as near as possible to the place where his ball lay, but this must be done before another stroke is played by either side.

RULE 10

In playing through the green, irregularities of surface which could in any way affect the player's stroke shall not be removed nor pressed down by the

player, his partner, or either of their caddies: a player is, however, always entitled to place his feet firmly in the ground when taking his stance.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole.

RULE 11

Any flag-stick, guide-flag, movable guide-post, wheelbarrow, tool, roller, grass-cutter, box, vehicle, or similar obstruction may be removed. A ball moved in removing such an obstruction shall be replaced without penalty. A ball lying on or touching such an obstruction, or lying on or touching clothes, or nets, or ground under repair or covered up or opened for the purpose of the upkeep of the course, or lying in one of the holes, or in a guide-flag hole, or in a hole made by the greenkeeper, may be lifted and dropped without penalty as near as possible to the place where it lay, but not nearer to the hole. A ball lifted in a hazard, under such circumstances, shall be dropped in the hazard.

RULE 12

(1) Any loose impediment lying within a club length of the ball and not being in or touching a hazard, may be removed without penalty; if the ball move after any such loose impediment has been touched by the player, his partner, or either of their caddies, the player shall be deemed to have caused the ball to move and the penalty shall be one stroke.

(2) A loose impediment lying more than a club length from the ball may not be moved under penalty of the loss of the hole, unless the loose impediment lie on the putting-green (see Rule 28 (1)).

(3) When a ball is in play, if a player, or his partner, or either of their caddies accidentally move his or their ball, or by touching anything cause it to move, the penalty shall be one stroke.

(4) If a ball in play move after the player has grounded his club in the act of addressing it, or, if a ball in play being in a hazard move after the player has taken his stance to play it, he shall be deemed to have caused it to move, and the penalty shall be one stroke.

Note. — If the player has lifted a loose impediment (see Rules 12 (1) and 28 (1), and the ball has not moved until the player has grounded his club, he shall only be deemed to have caused the ball to move under Section (4) of this Rule, and the penalty shall be one stroke.

RULE 13

A player shall not play while his ball is moving, under the penalty of the loss of the hole, except in the case of a teed ball (Rule 2), or a ball struck twice (Rule 4), or a ball in water (Rule 26). When the ball only begins to move while the player is making his backward or forward swing, he shall incur no penalty under this Rule, but he is not exempted from the provisions of Rule 12 (1) or Rule 28 (1) and of Rule 12 (3) and (4).

RULE 14

If a player, when making a stroke, strike the ball twice, the penalty shall be one stroke, but he shall incur no further penalty by reason of his having played while his ball was moving.

RULE 15

Before striking at a ball in play, a player shall not move, bend, nor break anything fixed or growing, except so far as is necessary to enable him fairly to

take his stance in addressing the ball, or in making his backward or forward swing. The club may only be grounded lightly, and not pressed on the ground.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole.

RULE 16

When the balls lie within a club length of each other through the green or in a hazard, the ball lying nearer to the hole may, at the option of either the player or the opponent, be lifted until the other ball is played, and shall then be replaced as near as possible to the place where it lay.

If either ball be accidentally moved in complying with this Rule, no penalty shall be incurred, and the ball so moved shall be replaced.

If the lie of the lifted ball be altered in playing the other ball, the lifted ball may be placed as near as possible to the place where it lay and in a lie similar to that which it originally occupied.

RULE 17

(1) If a ball *in motion* be stopped or deflected by any agency outside the match, or by a forecaddie, it is a rub of the green and the ball shall be played from the spot where it lies.

(2) If a ball lodge in *anything moving*, a ball shall be dropped, or if on the putting-green, placed, as near as possible to the place where the object was when the ball lodged in it, without penalty.

(3) If a ball *at rest* be displaced by any agency outside the match, except wind, the player shall drop a ball as near as possible to the place where it lay, without penalty, and if the ball be displaced on the putting-green, it shall be replaced without penalty.

RULE 18

If a player's ball strike, or be stopped, or be moved by an opponent or an opponent's caddie or clubs, the opponent shall lose the hole, except as provided for in Rule 22 (3) and Rule 33.

RULE 19

If a player's ball strike or be stopped by himself, or his partner, or either of their caddies, or their clubs, his side shall lose the hole.

RULE 20

(1) If a player play the opponent's ball his side shall lose the hole, unless:—

(*a*) The opponent then play the player's ball, in which case the penalty is canceled, and the hole shall be played out with the balls thus exchanged.

(*b*) The mistake occur through wrong information given by an opponent or his caddie, in which case there shall be no penalty; if the mistake be discovered before the opponent has played, it shall be rectified by dropping a ball as near as possible to the place where the opponent's ball lay.

On the putting-green the ball shall be replaced.

(2) If a player play a stroke with the ball of any one not engaged in the match, and the mistake be discovered and intimated to his opponent before his opponent has played his next stroke, there shall be no penalty; if the mistake be not discovered and so intimated until after the opponent has played his next stroke, the player's side shall lose the hole.

RULE 21

If a ball be "lost," except in water, casual water, or out of bounds, the player's side shall lose the hole, unless it is afterwards discovered that the opponent's ball is also lost, when the hole shall be halved.

RULE 22

(1) If a ball lie in fog, bent, bushes, long grass, or the like, only so much thereof shall be touched as will enable the player to find his ball.

(2) If a ball be completely covered by sand, only so much thereof may be removed as will enable the player to see the top of the ball; if the ball be touched in removing the sand, no penalty shall be incurred.

(3) If a player or his caddie when searching for an opponent's ball accidentally touch or move it, no penalty shall be incurred, and the ball, if moved, shall be replaced.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole.

RULE 23

(1) If a ball lie out of bounds, the player shall play his next stroke as nearly as possible at the spot from which the ball which is out of bounds was played. If the ball was played out of bounds from the teeing-ground, the player may tee a ball for his next stroke; in every other case the ball shall be dropped.

(2) If a player after making a stroke be doubtful whether his ball is out of bounds or not, he may play another ball as provided for in par. (1) of this Rule, but if it be discovered that the first ball is not out of bounds, it shall continue in play without penalty.

On reaching the place where the first ball is likely to be, if the player or his opponent be still in doubt, the player is not entitled to presume that the first ball is out of bounds till he has made a search of five minutes.

(3) A player has the right at any time of ascertaining whether his opponent's ball is out of bounds or not, before his opponent can compel him to continue his play.

(4) A player may stand out of bounds to play a ball lying within bounds.

RULE 24

If a ball split into separate pieces, another ball may be dropped where any piece lies. If a ball crack or become unfit for play, the player may change it on intimating to his opponent his intention to do so. Mud adhering to a ball shall not be considered as making it unfit for play.

HAZARDS AND CASUAL WATER

RULE 25

When a ball lies in or touches a hazard, nothing shall be done which can in any way improve its lie; the club shall not touch the ground, nor shall anything be touched or moved, before the player strikes at the ball, subject to the following exceptions: (1) The player may place his feet firmly on the ground for the purpose of taking his stance; (2) in addressing the ball, or in the backward or forward swing, any grass, bent, bush, or other growing substance, or the side of a bunker, wall, paling, or other immovable obstacle may be touched; (3) steps or planks placed in a hazard by the Green Committee for access to or egress from such hazard may be removed, and if a ball be moved in so doing,

it shall be replaced without penalty; (4) any loose impediment may be lifted from the putting-green; (5) the player shall be entitled to find his ball as provided for by Rule 22.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole.

RULE 26

When a ball is in water a player may, without penalty, strike at it while it is moving, but he must not delay to make his stroke in order to allow the wind or current to better the position of the ball, under penalty of the loss of the hole.

RULE 27

(1) If a ball lie or be lost in a recognized water hazard (whether the ball lie in water or not) or in casual water in a hazard, the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke either (*a*) behind the hazard, keeping the spot at which the ball crossed the margin of the hazard between himself and the hole, or (*b*) in the hazard, keeping the spot at which the ball entered the water between himself and the hole.

(2) If a ball lie or be lost in casual water through the green, the player may drop a ball, without penalty, within two club lengths of the margin, as near as possible to the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer to the hole.

If a ball when dropped roll into the water, it may be re-dropped without penalty.

(3) If a ball on the putting-green lie in casual water, or if casual water intervene between a ball lying on the putting-green and the hole, the ball may be played where it lies, or it may be lifted without penalty and placed by hand, either within two club lengths directly behind the spot from which the ball was lifted, or in the nearest position to that spot which is not nearer to the hole and which affords a putt to the hole without casual water intervening.

(4) A ball lying so near the casual water that the water interferes with the player's stance may be treated as if it lay in casual water, under the preceding Section of this Rule.

(5) If it be impossible from want of space in which to play, or from any other cause, for a player to drop a ball in conformity with Sections (1) and (2) of this Rule, or to place it in conformity with Section (3), he shall "drop" or "place" as nearly as possible within the limits laid down in these Sections, but not nearer to the hole.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole.

PUTTING-GREEN

RULE 28

(1) Any loose impediment may be lifted from the putting-green, irrespective of the position of the player's ball. If the player's ball, when on the putting-green, move after any loose impediment lying within six inches of it has been touched by the player, his partner, or either of their caddies, the player shall be deemed to have caused it to move and the penalty shall be one stroke.

(2) Dung, wormcasts, snow, and ice may be scraped aside with a club, but the club must not be laid with more than its own weight upon the ground, nor must anything be pressed down either with the club or in any other way.

(3) The line of the putt must not be touched, except by placing the club immediately in front of the ball in the act of addressing it, and as above authorized.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole.

RULE 29

(1) When the player's ball is on the putting-green, the player's caddie, his partner, or his partner's caddie may, before the stroke is played, point out the direction for putting, but in doing this they shall not touch the ground on the proposed line of the putt. No mark shall be placed anywhere on the putting-green.

(2) Any player or caddie engaged in the match may stand at the hole, but no player or caddie shall endeavor, by moving or otherwise, to influence the action of the wind upon the ball.

A player is, however, always entitled to send his own caddie to stand at the hole while he plays his stroke.

Either side may refuse to allow a person who is not engaged in the match to stand at the hole.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole.

RULE 30

When the player's ball lies on the putting-green, he shall not play until the opponent's ball is at rest.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the loss of the hole.

RULE 31

(1) When the balls lie within six inches of each other on the putting-green (the distance to be measured from their nearest points), the ball lying nearer to the hole may, at the option of either the player or the opponent, be lifted until the ball is played, and the lifted ball shall then be replaced as near as possible to the place where it lay.

If either ball be accidentally moved in complying with this Rule, no penalty shall be incurred, and the ball so moved shall be replaced

(2) On the putting-green, if a player play when his opponent should have played, the stroke may be at once recalled by the opponent, and the ball replaced.

Note. — For a ball which is displaced on a putting-green, see Rule 17 (2) and (3).

For a player playing the opponent's ball on the putting-green see Rule 20 (1)

For casual water on a putting-green see Rule 27 (3).

RULE 32

(1) Either side is entitled to have the flag-stick removed when approaching the hole; if a player's ball strike the flag-stick, which has been so removed by himself, or his partner, or either of their caddies, his side shall lose the hole.

If the ball rest against the flag-stick which is in the hole the player shall be entitled to remove the flag-stick, and, if the ball fall into the hole, the player shall be deemed to have holed out at his last stroke.

(2) If a player's ball knock the opponent's ball into the hole, the opponent shall be deemed to have holed out at his last stroke.

If the player's ball move the opponent's ball, the opponent, if he choose, may replace it, but this must be done before another stroke is played by either side.

If the player's ball stop on the spot formerly occupied by the opponent's ball, and the opponent declare his intention to replace his ball, the player shall first play another stroke, after which the opponent shall replace and play his ball.

(3) If the player has holed out and the opponent then plays to the lip of the hole, the player may not knock the ball away, but the opponent, if asked, shall play his next stroke without delay.

If the opponent's ball lie on the lip of the hole, the player, after holing out, may knock the ball away, claiming the hole if holing at the like, and the half if holing at the odd, provided that the player's ball does not strike the opponent's ball and set it in motion; if the player neglect to knock away the opponent's ball, and it fall into the hole, the opponent shall be deemed to have holed out at his last stroke.

RULE 33

When a player has holed out and his opponent has been left with a stroke for the half, nothing that the player who has holed out can do shall deprive him of the half which he has already gained.

GENERAL PENALTY

RULE 34

Where no penalty for the breach of a Rule is stated, the penalty shall be the loss of the hole.

DISPUTES

RULE 35

An umpire or referee, when appointed, shall take cognizance of any breach of rule that he may observe, whether he be appealed to on the point or not.

RULE 36

If a dispute arise on any point, a claim must be made before the players strike off from the next teeing-ground, or, in the case of the last hole of the round, before they leave the putting-green. All disputes shall be decided by the committee in charge of the competition, which decision shall be final unless appeal be taken to the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association, whose decision shall be conclusive.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LOCAL RULES

When necessary, local Rules should be made for such obstructions as trees, hedges, fixed seats, fences, gates, railways, and walls, for such difficulties as rabbit scrapes, hoof marks, and other damage caused to the course by animals, and for such local conditions as the existence of mud which may be held to interfere with the proper playing of the game.

When a ball is lifted under a Local Rule, as in the case of a ball lifted from a putting-green other than that of the hole which is being played, the Rules of Golf Committee recommends that if it is to be played from "through the green," it should be *dropped;* if it is to be played on the putting-green of the hole that is being played, it should be *placed.*

FORM AND MAKE OF GOLF-CLUBS

The Rules of Golf Committee intimates that it will not sanction any substantial departure from the traditional and accepted form and make of golf-clubs, which, in its opinion, consist of a plain shaft and a head which does not contain any mechanical contrivance, such as springs.

ETIQUETTE OF GOLF

1. No one should stand close to or directly behind the ball, move, or talk, when a player is making a stroke.

On the putting-green no one should stand beyond the hole in the line of a player's stroke.

2. The player who has the honor should be allowed to play before his opponent tees his ball.

3. No player should play from the tee until the party in front have played their second strokes and are out of range, nor play up to the putting-green till the party in front have holed out and moved away.

4. Players who have holed out should not try their putts over again when other players are following them.

5. Players looking for a lost ball should allow other matches coming up to pass them; they should signal to the players following them to pass, and having given such a signal, they should not continue their play until these players have passed and are out of reach.

6. Turf cut or displaced by a player should be at once replaced and pressed down with the foot.

7. A player should carefully fill up all holes made by himself in a bunker.

8. Players should see that their caddies do not injure the holes by standing close to them when the ground is soft.

9. A player who has incurred a penalty stroke should intimate the fact to his opponent as soon as possible.

SPECIAL RULES FOR MATCH PLAY COMPETITIONS

RULE 1

On the putting-green, if the competitor whose ball is the nearer to the hole play first, his ball shall be at once replaced.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be the disqualification of both competitors.

RULE 2

A competitor shall not waive any penalty incurred by his opponent, under penalty of disqualification.

RULE 3

Competitors shall not agree to exclude the operation of any Rule or Local Rule, under penalty of disqualification.

The Rules of Golf Committee recommends that players should not concede putts to their opponents.

RULES FOR THREE-BALL, BEST-BALL, AND FOUR-BALL MATCHES

DEFINITIONS

(1) When three players play against each other, each playing his own ball, the match is called a three-ball match.

(2) When one player plays his ball against the best ball of two or more players, the match is called a best-ball match.

(3) When two players play their better ball against the better ball of two other players, the match is called a four-ball match.

GENERAL

RULE 1

Any player may have any ball in the match lifted or played, at the option of its owner, if he consider that it might interfere with or be of assistance to a player or side.

RULE 2

If a player's ball move any other ball in the match, the moved ball must be replaced as near as possible to the spot where it lay, without penalty.

RULE 3

Through the green a player shall incur no penalty for playing when an opponent should have done so, and the stroke shall not be recalled.

On the putting-green the stroke may be recalled by an opponent, but no penalty shall be incurred.

THREE-BALL MATCHES

RULE 4

During a three-ball match if no player is entitled at a teeing-ground to claim the honor from both opponents, the same order of striking shall be followed as at the last teeing-ground.

RULE 5

In a three-ball match, if a player's ball strike, or be stopped, or moved by an opponent or an opponent's caddie or clubs, that opponent shall lose the hole to the player. As regards the other opponent the occurrence shall be treated as a rub of the green.

BEST-BALL AND FOUR-BALL MATCHES

RULE 6

Balls belonging to the same side may be played in the order the side deems best.

RULE 7

If a player's ball strike, or be stopped, or moved by an opponent, or an opponent's caddie or clubs, the opponent's side shall lose the hole.

RULE 8

If a player's ball (the player being one of a side) strike, or be stopped by himself, or his partner, or either of their caddies or clubs, only that player shall be disqualified for that hole.

RULE 9

If a player play a stroke with his partner's ball, and the mistake be discovered and intimated to the other side before an opponent has played another stroke, the player shall be disqualified for that hole, and his partner shall drop a ball as near as possible to the spot from which his ball was played, without penalty. If the mistake be not discovered till after the opponent has played a stroke, the player's side shall lose the hole.

RULE 10

In all other cases where a player would by the Rules of Golf incur the loss of the hole, he shall be disqualified for that hole, but the disqualification shall not apply to his partner.

SPECIAL RULES FOR STROKE COMPETITIONS

RULES FOR THE CONDUCT OF STROKE COMPETITIONS

Wherever the word Committee is used in these Rules, it refers to the Committee in charge of the Competition.

RULE 1

(1) In Stroke Competitions the competitor who holes the stipulated round or rounds in the fewest strokes shall be the winner.

(2) Competitors shall play in couples; if from any cause there be a single competitor, the Committee shall either provide him with a player, or select a marker for him and allow him to complete alone.

The order and times of starting should, when possible, be determined by ballot.

(3) Competitors should strike off from the first tee in the order in which their names appear upon the starting list.

Thereafter the honor should be taken as in match play, but if a competitor by mistake play out of turn, no penalty shall be incurred, and the stroke cannot be recalled.

RULE 2

(1) Competitors shall start in the order and at the times arranged by the Committee. They shall not discontinue play nor delay to start on account of bad weather or for any other reason whatever, except such as the Committee may consider satisfactory.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be disqualification.

(2) If the Committee consider that the course is not in a playable condition, or that insufficient light renders the proper playing of the game impossible, it shall at any time have power to declare the day's play null and void.

RULE 3

If the lowest scores be made by two or more competitors, the tie or ties shall be decided by another round to be played on the same day; but if the Committee determine that this is inexpedient or impossible, it shall appoint a day and time for the decision of the tie or ties.

Should an uneven number of competitors tie, their names shall be drawn by ballot and placed upon a list; the competitors shall then play in couples in the order in which their names appear. The single competitor shall be provided for by the Committee either under Rule 1 (2), or by allowing three competitors to play together if their unanimous consent has been obtained.

RULE 4

(1) New holes should be made on the day on which Stroke Competitions begin.

(2) On the day of the Competition, before starting, no competitor shall play on, or on to, any of the putting-greens, nor shall he intentionally play at any hole of the stipulated round which is within his reach, under penalty of disqualification.

RULE 5

(1) The score for each hole shall be kept by a marker or by each competitor noting the other's score. Should more than one marker keep a score, each shall sign the part of the score for which he is responsible. The scores should be called out after each hole. On completion of the stipulated round the card shall be signed by the person who has marked it, and the competitor shall see that it is handed in as soon as reasonably possible. The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be disqualification.

Scoring cards should be issued with the date and the player's name entered on the card.

(2) Competitors must satisfy themselves before the cards are handed in that the scores for each hole are correctly marked, as no alteration can be made on any card after it has been returned. If it be found that a competitor has returned a score lower than that actually played, he shall be disqualified. For the additions of the scores marked the Committee shall be responsible.

(3) If, on the completion of the stipulated round, a player is doubtful whether he has incurred a penalty at any hole, he may enclose his scoring card with a written statement of the circumstances to the Committee, who shall decide what penalty, if any, has been incurred.

RULES FOR PLAY IN STROKE COMPETITIONS

RULE 6

A competitor shall not ask for nor willingly receive advice from any one except his caddie.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be disqualification.

RULE 7

If at any hole a competitor play his first stroke from outside the limits of the teeing-ground, he shall count that stroke, tee a ball, and play his second stroke from within these limits.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be disqualification.

RULE 8

(1) A competitor shall hole out with his own ball at every hole. The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be disqualification.

(2) If a competitor play a stroke with a ball other than his own he shall incur no penalty provided he then play his own ball; but if he plays two consecutive strokes with a wrong ball, he shall be disqualified.

(3) In a hazard, if a competitor play more than one stroke with a ball other than his own and the mistake be discovered before he has played a stroke with the wrong ball from outside the limits of the hazard, he shall incur no penalty provided he then play his own ball.

The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be disqualification.

RULE 9

If a competitor's ball strike or be stopped by himself, his clubs, or his caddie, the penalty shall be one stroke, except as provided for in Stroke Rule 13 (1).

RULE 10

(1) If a competitor's ball strike or be stopped by another competitor, or his clubs, or his caddie, it is a rub of the green, and the ball shall be played from where it lies, except as provided for in Stroke Rule 13 (1). If a competitor's ball which is at rest be accidentally moved by another competitor, or his caddie, or his clubs, or his ball, or any outside agency except wind, it shall be replaced as near as possible to the spot where it lay. The penalty for a breach of this Rule shall be disqualification.

(2) A competitor may have any other player's ball played or lifted, at the option of its owner, if he finds that it interferes with his stroke.

RULE 11

(1) A ball may be lifted from any place on the course under penalty of two strokes. A ball so lifted shall be teed and played behind the place where it lay; if this be impossible, it shall be teed and played as near as possible to the place where it lay, but not nearer to the hole.

In preparing a tee as above authorized, the player is exempted from the restrictions imposed by Rule 15.

The penalty for a breach of this Section of the Rule shall be disqualification.

(2) For the purpose of identification, a competitor may at any time lift and carefully replace his ball in the presence of the player with whom he is competing.

The penalty for a breach of this Section of the Rule shall be one stroke.

RULE 12

If a ball be "lost" (except in water, casual water, or out of bounds) the competitor shall, whether he has played from "through the green" or from a hazard, return as near as possible to the spot from which the ball was struck, and there tee a ball under penalty of one stroke.

[Under this Rule a ball shall only be considered lost, when it has not been found after a search of five minutes.]

RULE 13

(1) When a competitor's ball lying within twenty yards of the hole is played and strikes either the flag-stick or the person standing at the hole, the penalty shall be two strokes.

(2) When both balls are on the putting-green, if a competitor's ball strike the ball of the player with whom he is competing, the competitor shall incur a penalty of one stroke, and the ball which was struck shall be at once replaced, see Stroke Rule 10 (1).

(3) The competitor whose ball is the further from the hole may have the ball which is nearer to the hole lifted or played at the option of its owner. If the latter refuse to comply with this Rule when requested to do so, he shall be disqualified.

(4) If the competitor whose ball is the nearer to the hole consider that his ball might be of assistance to the player with whom he is competing, he should lift it or play first.

(5) If the competitor whose ball is the nearer to the hole lift his ball while the player's ball is in motion, he shall incur a penalty of one stroke.

(6) If a competitor or his caddie pick up his ball from the putting-green before it is holed out (except as provided for above), he shall, before he has

struck off from the next tee, or, in the case of the last hole of the ground, before he has left the putting-green, be permitted to replace the ball under penalty of two strokes.

RULE 14

Where in the Rules of Golf the penalty for the breach of any Rule is the loss of the hole, in Stroke Competitions the penalty shall be the loss of two strokes, except where otherwise provided for in these Special Rules.

RULE 15

The Rules of Golf, so far as they are not at variance with these Special Rules, shall apply to Stroke Competitions.

RULE 16

All disputes shall be decided by the Committee in charge of the Competition, which decision shall be final, unless appeal be taken to the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association, whose decision shall be conclusive.

DIVOTS

STONES lurk in long grass; look out for them.

The only way to beat a professional is never to let him get up on you.

There 's no golfer like an old golfer — or a very new one.

Putting needs a good store of the virtues which we commonly call Christian: patience, faith, humility, perseverance, temperance, hope; and a lot more.

It is said to be an art to make a good tee. The art part comes in getting the ball off the tee, rather than putting it on. Any one can make a neat pile of mud.

No more brushing the line of the putt with your hand.

Unclean clubs are as disgraceful as rusty razors. Unfortunately the dirt does not interfere very much with their usefulness.

Some one has remarked that swearing is less indulged in on golf links. From the comic papers, though, you would think we were awful cussers.

Caddies are perverse and bad in this country because they are usually just boys who want to pick up a little money doing little work. In Scotland, as everybody knows, to be a caddie is to belong to an old and reputable profession.

People who talk loudly on golf links should remember that they must n't.

If the course is crowded, summon up your philosophy and wait, patiently; very patiently; very.

There was a man who thought he had an easy match; so, being in a hurry, he played in his ordinary shoes. He lost, and to a much higher handicap man. One of the morals of this is, Don't be in a hurry.

A ball in the course is worth two out of bounds.

Of the making of books which tell how to play golf there is no end. Much reading of them wearies the eyes and is apt to produce a pensive player tending to slice badly.

Some people call trees "unfair hazards" when they hit them. The best plan is not to hit them; go over, or through, or around. Don't hit them.

There is a golfer who will talk while his partner is playing. He also talks when he himself is hitting the ball. But he does not annoy himself very much.

On a fast green, putt for *this* edge of the hole.

Always blame the trap when your ball unexpectedly scoots up out of it when it really ought to have stayed in. That will make you seem much fairer minded.

The golf widow is always to be pitied. But how about the golf widower? Is n't he more to be condoled with? And the poor golf orphans?

Whiskey and golf have long been associated. The two have a connection, but it is usually the man and not the game that makes it.

When driving down a narrow course, be sure that the front edge of the teeing-ground is at right angles with the proposed flight of the ball. A small error in this matter often unconsciously influences the eye, and thus the stroke.

A book of rules is as good a thing to carry round with you as an extra mashie.

If you get into a scraped place on the fair green, it is very charitable of you to fill it up — after you get out.

Superstition is a foolish thing: as, for instance, the idea that you always play better if you make a bad score on the first hole.

The game is not to the swift, or the battle to the long driver.

All the professional can do is to play the critic and censor. If he could do more he would.

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